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Theme park developer to brief state officials

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A chartered bus has been canceled, but Grayling area officials still plan to attend the Natural Resources Commission on Thursday to support the development of a huge theme park.

Patrick Crosson, a project manager for Axiom Entertainment, a firm that has proposed to build the \$161 million Mainstreet America, Inc. theme park on 1,800 acres of land, located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road, will be allowed to give a five minute presentation to the Natural Resources Commission on Thursday. The meeting is being held at the Lansing Community College.

Members of the public will be allowed to give a three minute presentation on their support for the project.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce had chartered a bus to take officials to the meeting. But on Friday, the bus was canceled as more people planned to travel in their own personal vehicles, and the chamber did not want to cover the cost of seats that were not reserved.

"We're going down to support the sale of the land and we all still plan to be down there in mass," said Kim Millikin, the interim director for the Grayling Continued on Page 12A

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Spring has sprung



Spring weather has finally arrived and the snow is melting, encouraging people to get out and play and work in their yards. Above, Elliot Soule, age 3 from Kalamazoo, played in the Grayling City Park on Tuesday with his brother Jacob, who was not pictured. The boys are in town while on spring break, staying with their grandparents Mary and Bob Smock Jr.

State plans pair of Grayling road projects

Road contractors are slated to do a pair of projects on the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East next month.

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Grayling Transportation Service center said, last week, that about an eighth of a mile of road improvements will take place in Grayling as part of the spring construction season.

Both north bound and south bound lanes on the I-75 Business Loop will be paved from the exit ramp off the interstate to the Lake State Railroad Crossing. M-72 East, from the intersection of the I-75 Business Loop to Fulton Street, will also be upgraded.

The work will entail removing an inch and a half of the road surface, re-milling the material and applying a new coat of asphalt to remove the ruts in the road and extend the life of the road surface, said Bill Wahl, delivery engineer for MDOT's **Grayling Transportation Service** Center.

The project will cost about \$205,000, Wahl said.

The project will include daytime lane closures, but a minimum of one lane will be open to traffic in each direction. All lanes will be open to traffic on weekends. Width restrictions will also be in effect during the Continued on Page 3A

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Old AuSable Fly Shop and Livery to open doors

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A group of investors is starting a new fly shop and livery on the AuSable River in Grayling.

The Old AuSable Fly Shop and Old AuSable Livery will open soon at 200 Ingham Street, at the former Fly Factory and Ray's Canoeing property.

Jeff Gardner, the owner of Mortgage North a Traverse City based mortgage firm, Linda Mathas, an underwriter for the firm, Dan Smith, Wade Mathas and others are investors in the business.

Gardner lives in Frederic, and said he looks forward to working with residents and visitors to the community.

"We felt that it was a good investment," Gardner said. "It's a good business model, it's a historic site and we're looking to bring it back like it was in its heyday."

Smith, the owner of Flight Path Creative, a Traverse City based ad agency, said his family has a cabin on the AuSable River. The cabin was purchased in 1951 by his grandfather, Woody Smith, an avid outdoors-Continued on Page 9A

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Old AuSable Fly Shop and Old AuSable Livery will open soon at 200 Ingham Street, at the former Fly Factory and Ray's Canoeing property. Above, Andy Partlow and Jeff Gardner are pictured along the AuSable River.

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Southards starting fly shop, livery at new site

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer A Grayling canoe livery and

fly shop owner is starting anew with a tip of the hat to the community's history.

Steve Southard and family have moved The Fly Factory and Ray's Canoeing to the building located at 205 Ingham Street, on the I-75 Business Loop, at the

AuSable River Bridge.

Chief David Shoppenagon built a house on the property in 1876. Shoppenagon served as a hunting and fishing guide for timbermen and visitors to the Grayling area, and also built canoes and made paddles before he died in 1911.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson Steve Southard and family have moved The Fly Factory and Ray's Canoeing to the building located at 205 Ingham Street, on the I-75 Business Loop at the AuSable River Bridge. Above, Southard, and son Luke Southard, stand next to a totem pole obtained from Jay Stephan Jr. that will be placed on the outside of the business.

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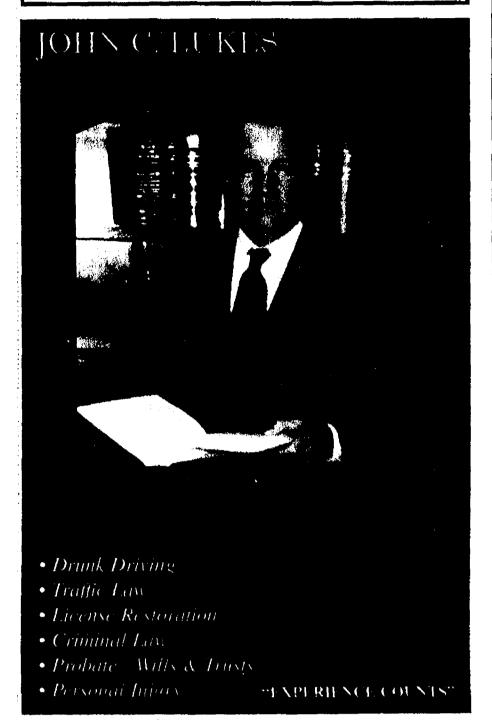
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Students take part in science fair

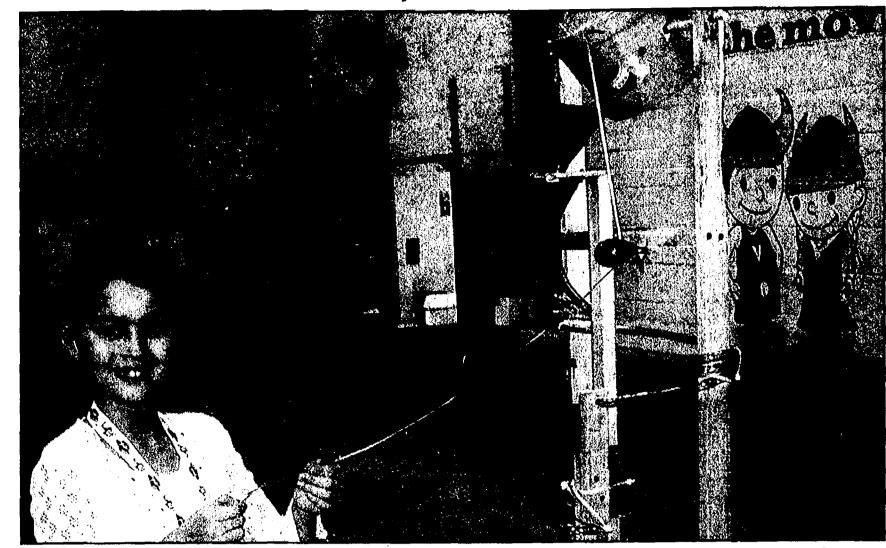


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Grayling Elementary School students ended their studies on energy sources and machines with a school science fair, held prior to the start of their spring break. Above, third grader Courtney Hickman displays a water filtering system that she made using funnels, pulleys and levers.

Conviction upheld in 'Thor' abuse case

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy upheld a conviction for a Roscommon man accused of neglecting a yellow labrador named "Thor" in a high profile animal abuse case decided by a jury last year.

Lawrence Edward Baumgart, 47 of Roscommon, appealed his conviction for one count of animal-abandoning/cruelty, which was decided after a one day jury trial held in June 2007.

Thor was found on Jan. 11, 2007, emaciated in a carport where Lawrence Baumgart's

mother, Judith Baumgart, lives on Stephan Bridge Road. The dog was tied to a golf cart with a nylon strap. Judith Baumgart told Gail Foguth, the Crawford County animal control officer, the dog wandered into her yard, although she knew that her son was looking for a dog that he claimed ran away from his truck.

Dawn LaCasse, a Prudenville attorney who handled Baumgart's appeal, argued that evidence of the treatment of the six other labradors, seized by Roscommon County animal control officers from Baumgart's kennel, was improperly admitted at trial as character evidence.

Baumgart agreed to relinquish the ownership of the six labs after being interviewed by Terry MacKillop, the Roscommon County animal control officer. Baumgart admitted owning Thor during the confrontation. Veterinarians for the Grayling Hospital for Animals and the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic were able to help officers determine the ownership of Thor based on the similar condition of the other dogs.

"The introduction of and reference to the health of the six dogs coercively relinquished in Roscommon County was unfairly prejudicial and outweighed the probative value of allowing this evidence," LaCasse wrote in her appeal brief. "In fact, the proposed evidence was precisely intended to show the criminal propensity of the defendant, and the jury found his conformance to that propensity."

In his ruling, Murphy sided with Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor Dave Sabin, saying that the evidence was allowed under provisions of Michigan

court rules to show that the other acts proved intent, knowledge, identity and absence of an accident in the treatment of Thor.

LaCasse also argued the relevance of the evidence being submitted to the jury, saying the care and treatment of the six dogs in Roscommon County has no bearing on the treatment of a dog lost in Crawford County. She also argued that once Thor was out of Baumgart's custody, he had no control over the dog's care and treatment. LaCasse claimed that the evidence subjected Baumgart to unfair prejudice at trial.

Murphy, again, sided with the prosecution, saying that the evidence was material because it was inherently related to the probable way that Thor was treated

Finally, Murphy also ruled that Crawford County District Court Judge Monte Burmeister used reasonable discretion allowing the evidence by offering instructions to the jury, regarding the information about the dogs from Roscommon County, as they were hearing and deciding the case.

"Because the burden of proving an abuse of discretion rests on the party alleging the same, and because there is no evidence to support an inference of an abuse of discretion by the trial court, this court will not imply or find such an abuse," Murphy wrote in his opinion.

Criminal charges were never sought against Baumgart in Roscommon County.

"The Crawford County
Prosecuting Attorney's office
does not indulge in assessing the
charging or prosecutorial determination of other counties, but

would confirm that a crime was committed and the defendant committed the charged crime as determined by a jury of his peers," Sabin wrote in his brief for the appeal

for the appeal.

Murphy ruled that Baumgart's conviction should stand, and he was not warranted a new trial for the charge which would have excluded the admission of evidence regarding the dogs from Roscommon County.

Baumgart was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Crawford County Jail. He was also ordered to pay \$4,203.83 in court costs, fines and restitution, and ordered to perform 200 hours of community service at area animal shelters, while serving two years of probation. He was also ordered not to own animals.

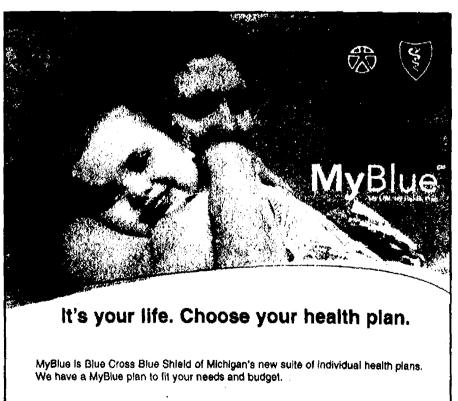
Sabin said he was pleased with Murphy's ruling.

"The facts are the facts, and you can't dispute those," he said.

Cheryl Postma, director of the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, cared for Thor at her home since he was discovered by Foguth. Thor developed congestive heart disease. Postma made the difficult decision to have Thor euthanized in October 2007, when his condition worsened to the point of continuous pain and discomfort.

A fund at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, called "Thor's Fund," was established in the dog's honor to help pay for veterinary expenses for animals in need of medical attention.

In a recent court hearing, Baumgart was urged to clarify where he was living. Sabin said Baumgart had given the address of his mother's home to probation officials. His mother currently has licenses through the county for seven dogs. Baumgart's request to do his community service at other places besides animal shelters was also denied.



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Police seize pot during drug busts

Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office have removed over two pounds of marijuana off the streets during recent drug busts.

While executing a search warrant on March 27, on a residence located at 110 State St. in Grayling, officers netted one and three-quarters pounds of marijuana. Police also seized three vehicles, cash, electronic image storage devices and drug trafficking evidence.

Police arrested Jeffrey Paul McCullough, 43, for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, said Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

STING officers and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies received the tip that led to McCullough's arrest from Grayling City Police

Officers from the Strike Officer Al Somero, who assisted officers with the arrest.

> McCullough was paroled from prison in June 2007, after serving 10 years for firstdegree criminal sexual con-

charges for failing to register as a sex offender.

On the same day, STING officers and sheriff's deputies also served a search warrant to a resident in Frederic Township. While searching the home, officers seized threefourths of a pound of marijuana, prescription drugs, cash and other drug evidence. Several warrants are being sought for the people who were at the residence, Wakefield said.



Officers from the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office have removed over two pounds of marijuana off the streets during recent drug busts. Above, cash, marijuana, prescription drugs, vehicles, electronic image storage devices and drug trafficking evidence were seized when officers executed search warrants in

School board approves retirements

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District plans to skimp by in its food service department for the next school year.

The Crawford AuSable School District Board, at its regular March meeting, accepted the retirement of Janet Gaffke, the district's nutrition and food service director.

Gaffke has worked for the aschool district for 14 years, and has an overall 25 years serving in the education system, said Crawford AuSable School 'District Superintendent Joe Powers.

The district plans to go with-'out a nutrition and food service director, due to budget constraints, and will be reassigning the duties to existing employ-

"We're going to try to split up the duties in house," Powers said.

The board also approved the retirement of Judi Mesack, a Grayling Middle School science and social studies teacher, who is retiring after serving 27 years in the classroom.

In January, the school board gagreed to hire Cyndi Powers to

State plans pair of Grayling road projects

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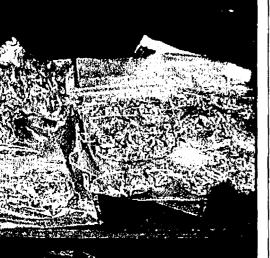
Rieth-Riley, a road construction firm with an office in Prudenville, has been awarded the contract for the work. The firm was given an April 14 date to start the road improvements.

The work, however, will likely start in early May and will be completed prior to Memorial Day weekend, Wahl said.

"It should be a fairly quick project," Wahl said. "There will be some lane closures, but traffic will be maintained out there."

McCullough had moved to Grayling from Oscoda County, and failed to register with police as a sex offender.

Authorities are seeking



Frederic Township and the City of Grayling. borsbander not seeding conft

> serve as a middle school English and science teacher, for the 2008-09 school year, to fill Mesak's position.

> Powers is the wife of Joe Powers. She was the only teacher remaining to be recalled from layoffs that went into effect prior to the end of the 2006-07 school year. Cyndi Powers previously served as a focused in teaching reading instructor, a teacher who works with children to get their reading skills up to grade level.

> "Janet and Judi have both had exemplary careers here, they served our students and the district extremely well and we wish them the best in the next phase of life," Joe Powers said.

The school board is anticipating more retirements to be announced in the coming months, and will attempt to address budget concerns, due to lower state funding and declining enrollment, when they consider filling in those jobs.

"Whenever we lose a position due to attrition, we always look for ways we can keep our budget under control to get more dollars to the children in the classrooms," Powers said.

New trial ordered in drug dealing case

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

Justices from the Michigan Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for a Grayling man, convicted of delivering a pain relief patch to an undercover officer, due to the inadmissibility of evidence.

Michigan Court of Appeals Justices Kirsten Frank Kelly, Mark J. Cavanagh and Peter D. O'Connell, on April 1, remanded a case for Joseph Marrhew Haskin, 54 of Grayling, back to Crawford County Circuit Court for a new trial.

46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy sentenced Haskin on June 8, 2006, to serve one year and one month to 30 years in prison, after being convicted by a jury for delivering a mixture containing less than 50 grams of fentanyl, and two counts of delivering a mixture containing less than 50 grams of morphine. Haskin is currently serving his sentence at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility Jackson.

Haskin was arrested by offithe Strike from Investigative Narcotics Group (STING), after selling the drugs to an undercover officer on March 23, 2004, and April 3, 2004.

At Haskin's trial, a forensic laboratory report, compiled by Karen Brooks a forensic scientist from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Grayling, was admitted as evidence to establish that the illegal substance sold was fentanyl. Fentanyl is a narcotic given to cancer patients who are experiencing chronic pain.

The report was used as evidence, but Brooks was not available to testify at the trial. Instead, John Lucey, another forensic scientist from the lab, testified about the validity of the report and the methods used to compile the data.

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss conceded that admission of the report at the trial was erroneous since statements made by Lucey would be considered hearsay, Haskin's defense attorney did not have the opportunity to cross-examine Brooks about the report prepared for the trial, according to the Court of Appeals' opinion.

Haskin was represented by court appointed attorney Stephen Connor at his trial.

Lucey also testified that the substance was fentanyl based on comparisons of packets containing the patches with photographs in a reference book.

Court of Appeals Justices said that expert testimony must be based on sufficient facts or data and must be the product of reliable principals and methods. Since Lucey's testimony was only based on comparisons of the labels with the photographs, there was no affirmative conclusion that the packages contained an illegal substance. The justices ruled that the evidence did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the substance was fentanyl.

The justices ordered a new trial for the fentanyl delivery

The justices, however, upheld convictions for delivering a mixture containing less than 50 grams of morphine. Lucey performed a chemical analysis on one of the morphine pills, and the test revealed that morphine was contained within the tablet. The tablet had the same appearance and markings as pills that were admitted to evidence during Haskin's trial.

Haskin, in his appeal, also claimed that he was represented by an ineffective legal counsel at his trial because his attorney failed to raise an insanity or temporary insanity defense.

The justices ruled that Haskin failed to provide evidence, at his trial, that an insanity condition existed to support the reasonable consideration or investigation of an insanity defense.

Finally, Haskin appealed his sentence, claiming the punishment violated his state and federal constitutional guarantees against cruel and unusual punishment.

Court of Appeals Justices noted that the Michigan Department of Corrections officials were recommending a harsher sentence for Haskin. They also said that his status as a habitual offender was also considered when his sentence was being considered.

"There is nothing to indicate the trial court erred by not giving an even more lenient minimum sentence than suggested the Department of Corrections," the justices wrote in their opinion. "And, while the maximum sentences are long, they are appropriate for the seriousness of the offenses as well as the defendant's habitual offender status."

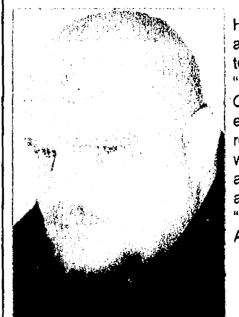
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

What to do if you don't like either major candidate

SELF NOMINATED presidential candidate Ralph Nader is on the campaign trail, although most Americans may not have noticed.

He's living up to his reputation for adding spice to the political mix, that is, if anyone will listen to him.

Mr. Nader railed against what he calls America's "two party dictatorship" in a recent appearance in Fort Lauderdale, FL, attended by a reported 60 people, to whom Mr. Nader spoke for more than two hours. The long active political, social and economic crusader ran for president in 2000 as the Green Party candidate, and again in 2004 as the nominee of the Reform Party, but this year

will carry the banner of the

Ecology Party, according to a report in the Palm Beach Post.

Mr. Nader claims that "big business really runs this country," and that nothing will change as long as voters support "the least worst candidates" offered by the major parties, according to the Post report.

"When we go least-worst Democrat between Republican, you know what that signifies to the least-worst? That they can take your vote for granted because you are so horrified by the worst that you'll go for the least worst," Mr. Nader said. "You're not about to rock the boat and make demands on your least-worst candidate."

I HAVE NEVER heard it expressed in those words, but I will have to admit that many times in my 60 years of voting for public offices at all levels, I have been faced with the sort of "least worst" dilemma of which

Mr. Nader speaks. For this voter, it's never a happy choice, but ballots have presented that scenario repeatedly, and it seems to me more often in more recent times.

It's a much richer experience to be fully convinced that you are making the correct choice with your vote – and hopefully an enthusiastic choice - and that goes for any public office.

I'm convinced the Nader least-worst theory holds water for a lot of voters, and that's why Ralph Nader has attracted much of his voting support no matter his particular party banner Green, Reform, or Ecology. Under this theory, many voters faced with the least-worst choice opt for a third candidate instead.

In Florida, in 2000, for example, Green Party candidate Nader drew 97,488 Florida votes. Were these all from voters who favored the Green Party and its platform, or were many of them from voters who couldn't decide on either major party candidates George Bush or Al Gore as the least-worst, so threw a vote to the Green Party candidate out of frustra-

Democrats still blame Mr. Nader for sending George Bush to the White House in 2000,

when Mr. Gore lost Florida by a mere 537 votes, and that skinny margin in Florida finally gave Mr. Bush enough electoral votes for victory.

FOR ANY least-worst worriers this year who lean to the right, the left-leaning Ralph Nader may not be the only option.

Former conservative Republican congressman Bob Barr of Georgia, who left Congress and the Republican party a couple of years ago over what he then called "bloated spending and civil liberties intrusions" by the Bush administration, may be available.

Mr. Barr is exploring going after the Libertarian Party nomination for president.

He earned heavy conservative Republican stripes in the 1990s by taking off after Democratic President Bill Clinton, especially in the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the ill-fated attempt to impeach President Clinton.

Bob Barr is a genuine conservative tiger, and if pitted against Ralph Nader in the "other candidates" category would present no least-worst dilemma for uncertain voters; unsatisfied with major party alternatives.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Seeking info on Michigan

To the editor:

Hello, this is Marc Malitz from Evansville Day School, 4th grade, and I'm writing a 20 page report on Michigan.

I am seeking information about Michigan from your readers to help me with this report.

It would be really cool for your readers to send me pictures, postcards or even souvenirs.

Please publish this in your newspaper. So, if you are reading this and want to help me, send all items, postcards or anything that would give me a basic idea of Michigan. Send it to Marc Malitz, 3400 North Green River Road Evansville, IN 47715.

> Marc Malitz Evansville, Ind.

Imagine our surprise

To the editor:

Imagine our surprise that in the Denver airport, when we were looking at a floor to ceiling mural map of the United States with places in each state highlighted with photos, lo and

behold there was the picture of our old Paul Bunyan statue from days gone by in Grayling,

Michigan.

Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Which Final Four team will win the 2008

This week's online poll question: What do you think of the pro-

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Kansas

Jayhawks

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posed Main Street America theme park?

Todd, Kellie, Mitch and Sean Hernandez and Chelsea Prosser

N. Carolina

Tar Heels

10 votes

34%

'I hope they find a cure soon'

To the editor:

I am writing on behalf of my son Jacob.

Jacob is an 11-year-old boy, attending Crawford AuSable Schools, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes three years

He will be insulin-dependent for the rest of his life. His insulin pump serves as his life support.

Every year he has had over 2,190 fingerpricks and over 122 site change injections. In addition to his rigorous blood testing and site changes, everything he consumes must be weighed and measured, and his blood levels even need to be checked while he

sleeps and plays. Jacob is always a trooper and rarely complains. He is full of smiles, laughs and 11-year-old

mischief. There are many devastating diseases in our world right now. The difference with type 1 diabetes is that wiping it out of existence is extremely attainable and within reach.

Jacob often says, "I hope they find a cure soon." It's painful to hear him say that. We hope by the time Jacob sets off to college and is on his own there will be a

Please understand we are not trying to have a pity session. We truly believe that out of every difficulty comes something

As a parent, it's been my instinct from the moment my children were born to protect them from any harm. We must do everything in our power to help find a cure for him. It's our mission to avoid heart and kidney disease, blindness, amputation and the early death that is a reality for many people with type 1

diabetes. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is the #I nonprofit funder of diabetes research worldwide. One of JDRF's largest fund-raisingevents is the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

This year Jacob and I, along

with our family and friends, are going to be walking on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Traverse City, to help fund that research.

If you are interested, there are a few ways you can help us make a difference for Jacob and kids just like him.

You can join our Family Team, known as "Walk to cure-Jacob Greens Family", which consists of family and friends who collect pledges and walk with us.

You can send our team a taxdeductible contribution in any amount. Make them payable to JDRF and send to 301 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling, MI 49738.

Or, go online to walk/jdrf.org and click on support a walker. You can put in Jacob Green as the walker.

We would be honored by your help to meet our fund-raising goal this year, or to see you at the walk in September.

> Heather Green and family

What Do You Think?

Crawford Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished, Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

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Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Laura wrote on March 24 (regarding proposed theme park): "I am a seasonal resident, so while I get no vote on matters such as this, I pay over \$1,800 in property taxes, which support local governments and schools, in addition to the hundreds that I spend at local restaurants and recreation facilities when I visit. Simply put, I will stop visiting and will have to consider whether it makes sense to keep the property or let it go if the proposed monstrosity is built. I am sure that there are many others like me and our impact on the local economy will be felt when we leave."

Jim wrote on April 3 (regarding proposed theme park): "From what I have read about one of the primary members of this park leadership, I would hope our state leaders are investigating this person's past questionable business practices. I would hate to see this beautiful area spoiled for this park, especially when it goes bankrupt due to mismanagement, the economic climate and the price of gas to get to this remote proposed park."

Scott wrote on April 4 (regarding proposed theme park): "I think all the people who are against the theme park should show up to ride the bus to the (Natural Resources Commission) meeting to show our disapproval of the theme park and to also show our disapproval to the board officials in Crawford County."

Phil wrote on April 4 (regarding proposed theme park): "Have a clear mind - are (the theme park developers) acting in a way that will benefit Grayling, or are they looking for cheap land in a depressed area where people will do anything for a glimmer of a job? Grayling - this is all a farce and you should be ashamed for letting the fox in the chicken house!"

Historically Speaking



As part of this year's trout fishing historical exhibit, the Lovelis Township Historical Society will focus on the life and times of Thomas E. Douglas. Above is a photo of the Douglas store. The store suffered three fires, but was rebuilt each time bigger and better. A diverse display of pictures, hotel registers, store records and artifacts tell the early history of this 20th century visionary. The trout fishing exhibit will be on display in the log museum during the sixth annual trout opener in Lovells on Saturday, April 26.

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GPA travelogue to visit Vietnam

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Travel and Adventure Series will present "Vietnam - A Land of Surprises", on April 10 at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling. Narrated by cinematographer Buddy Hatton, the doors open at 6:45 p.m., and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Band boosters to hold monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Grayling High School band room. All parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Church to hold Swiss steak dinner

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will host a Swiss steak dinner on Thursday, April 10, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and children under 6 eat free. Takeouts are available.

Republican Party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse. The meeting will include working on plans for the Lincoln Day Luncheon.

GPA to hold Pictionary Olympics

The Grayling Promotional Association will hold its 21st Annual Pictionary Olympics on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m., at the Eagles Social Hall. Food and beverages will be offered.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Grayling Township meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 10 a.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

COA to go to Comerica Park

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will be taking a trip to Comerica Park on June 12 to see the Detroit Tigers take on the Chicago White Sox. The seats are located in the right field grandstand known as "Home Run Alley." The cost for the trip is \$60, which includes charter bus transportation, tickets to the game and a sack meal for the ride home. The bus will leave the senior center at & a.m. and will return by 9 p.m. The trip is open to all Crawford County Seniors age 60 and over and their guests. Call Andrea for reservations at 989-348-7123.

ARK to hold volunteer training classes

Wildlife baby season is about to begin and Association to Rescue Kritters (ARK) will be training new volunteers to help with the care and feeding of all of the orphaned and injured baby animals and birds that will be arriving very soon.

Anyone that is interested in learning more about helping these displaced babies get big enough and strong enough to be released back to the wild is invited to attend volunteer training

Two classes will be held on Thursdays, April 17 and 24, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Backus Township Hall, 3888 S. Maple Valley Rd. (F-97), St. Helen.

There will be a tour of "The ARK" facility and ARK volunteers will be available to answer questions.

"This is an opportunity to learn what really goes into rescuing, rehabilitating and returning to the wild, injured and orphaned wildlife," said Ruth Fruehauf, director of ARK.

"It's about giving them a second chance at the life that was interrupted by something that the baby animals did not cause. Their mothers may have been killed, their nests destroyed by

storms, their trees cut down by lumbering, or dozens of other situations that caused them to need help from caring people, to give them a second chance to be wild again," said Fruehauf.

There will also be members of ARK's Birds of Prey Education Program on hand to explain how volunteers can become involved in the handling of the hawks and owls in the education program.

ARK has been involved in wildlife rescue for seven years. During that time, hundreds of animals and birds have been returned to the wild with the help of more than 100 volunteers each

If working with the animals doesn't interest you, there are many other ways to help. There are fund-raising activities like ARK's annual spaghetti dinner, which will be held on April 26 at Houghton Lake United Methodist Church, and numerous others to raise much needed funds.

ARK is a 501c3 nonprofit organization which runs entirely on donations, and is 100% volunteer based. No one is paid. For more information, check out the Web site at arkritters.org or contact Fruehauf at the ARK at 989-389-3305.

River House to show film, 'Searching for Angela Shelton'

Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victims Week, which is April 13-19, River House, Inc. is planning a showing of the film "Searching for Angela Shelton" on April 16, at River House, 1009 W. N. Down River Road, Grayling.

This movie has been highlighted on Lifetime TV.

Shelton traveled the United States interviewing other Angela Sheltons for her documentary "Searching for Angela Shelton."

Her goal was to survey women in the US, but as she began interviewing other Angela Sheltons, she found that 70% had been victims of rape, childhood sexual assault and/or domestic violence. To attend this presentation or to have it presented at another

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In observance of Sexual time to your organization or group, contact River House, Inc. at 989-348-3169.

Fund-raising begins for **Relay For Life event**

Crawford County is ready to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. Teams are forming for this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Crawford County that will be held in July.

Prior to the event, the Mercy Hospital team, the Mercy Motivators, will host a fund-raiser by duct taping doctors Divina and Gedeon to the wall of the Mercy Hospital cafeteria on April 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Strips of duct tape are for sale for \$1. All funds raised will go towards the Relay For Life event.

During the relay event in July, participants and visitors will have a chance to: celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors during the Survivor Lap; remem-

ber those we have lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony; and participate in the new Fight Back Ceremony that gives everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event and participants can start or join a team by visiting http://events. cancer.org/rflcrawfordcomi.

Relay For Life has been bringing hope to cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease for more than 20 years. As the most successful not-for-profit event in America, Relay For Life provides a platform for raising cancer awareness and connecting communities to the programs and services of the American Cancer

Local scouts will be collecting food for help center

The local Scouts will be going door to door collecting food as part of the National Scouting for Food campaign that is taking place across the country.

The scouts will distribute collection bags on doorsteps on Saturday, April 12, for residents to fill with nonperishable food and paper products. The following Saturday, April 19, the scouts will return to pick up the bags.

All items collected by the scouts will be delivered to the Crawford County Christian Help Center to be distributed to needy families in Crawford County.

"With unemployment on the rise and many families facing

ing boots to a slightly different use," said Troop 979 Scout Leader Loren Goodale.

something back to their community," said Goodale. "All Boy Scouts promise to help other people at all times, and cubs promise to give goodwill, and this is one more example of that promise in action."

If you would like to donate and will be out of town, or do not receive a donation bag at your residence, items may be dropped off at Goodale's Bakery, or the

Any questions on this project economic hardship, the scouts can be directed to any scout are putting their well-worn hik- leader or Goodale at 348-8682.

Area Friends of NRA Chapter established

Area residents form a Friends of National Rifle Association (NRA) Chapter which will encompass Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, Clare and Missaukee Counties.

A meeting of approximately 20 people, invited by Friends of NRA Northern Michigan Field Representative Don Bassett, met last week in Houghton Lake to form a new chapter.

The chapter will be called the "Houghton Lake Area Friends of NRA." Area, in the new chapter name, is to indicate that it would include all of the surrounding counties.

Officers for the chapter are Joe Fischer, chairman; Jack Metzler, co-chairman; Joe Christiansen, treasurer; and Art Gonzalez, sec-

A fund-raiser is being planned for Sept. 18. Half of the funds raised by state chapters go to the NRA foundation, the other half is given out to sportsmen clubs, gun clubs and organizations that promote youth shooting sports activities and the use of shooting facilities to the public.

These groups will be able to apply for funds through a grant application process.

In 2007, clubs and organizations in Michigan were awarded over \$133,000.

The Friends of NRA program has been operating nationwide since 1992. During the past 15 years, over \$1,700,000 has been spent in the state of Michigan.

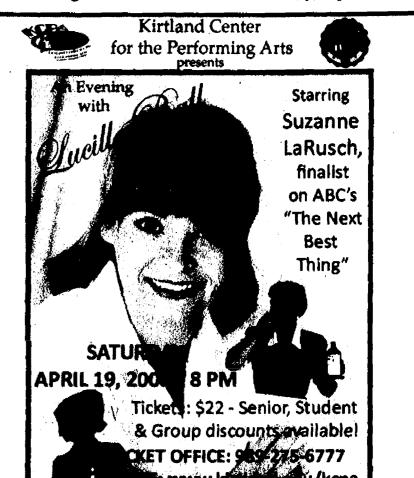
The Houghton Lake Area Friends of NRA is looking for individuals who can help put on the fund-raiser. You do not have to be an NRA member to help or

"Scouting for Food gives our youth the opportunity to give

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participate in the banquet fund-

raiser. Please contact Joe Fischer



CHAMBER Chatter

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Tickets for our 8th Annual Men Who Cook are on sale at the Changer office. They are \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance to gain entrance into Camp Grayling where the event will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 6-8 p.m. We have several green chiefs lined up and you won't go away hungry! Seating is imated so get your tickets early!

We are looking for interested participants in the 2008-2009 Leadership Crawford County program beginning this September, meeting once a month for an all day session until May, 2009. This program is designed to develop leadership skills and potential in interested individuals, so benefit their employers and themselves. and potentially Crawford County as they grow and become leaders in our community. Class size is limited to 24. For more information or for an application please visit our website at WWW.Bray lings thember com.

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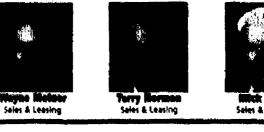
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The Bible **Congress**

Since the first Bible published in the English language in this country had an American imprint carrying a recommendation by the Congress of 1777, it was sometimes called the Bible Congress. Some history of this congress is recorded in the 140year-old book by Benjamin F. Morris entitled The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutions of the United States: "As early as the beginning of the last century, laws existed in some of the colonies requiring every family to be furnished with a Bible. This supply continued to be kept up by individual exertion until the meeting of the first Congress in 1777, one year after the Declaration of Independence. In the early formation of our government, those who looked upon the experiment with jealous eyes anticipated a speedy dissolution from the fact that it made no provision for the establishment of religion. Although the legislative power of our country is prohibited from making laws prescribing and enforcing the observance of any particular faith or form of worship, yet it is equally power-

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less in prohibiting the free exercise thereof; while at the same time it extends its protecting aegis over the rights of conscience. The Government has never been unmindful of the great interests of religion, but has from the beginning adhered to and carried out the language of Washington, that religion and morality are indispensable supports of political existence and prosperity.

"The Congress of 1777 answered a memorial on the subject of Bible-distribution in this country, by appointing a committee to advise as to the printing an edition of thirty thousand Bibles....The report of the committee appointed by Congress forms one of the brightest epochs in the history of our republic, and sheds a clear and steady light over every subsequent eventful period. The public recognition of God in that act was of infinitely greater importance in giving stability to the times, securing the permanency of our institutions, than all the imposing and formidable array of legal enactments ever made for the establishment of religion."

The committee, finding it

difficult to procure the necessary material, such as paper and types, recommended Congress, 'the use of the Bible being so universal, and its importance so great,' to direct the Committee of Commerce to import, at the expense of Congress, twenty thousand English Bibles from Holland, Scotland, or elsewhere, into the different ports of the States of the Union. The report was adopted, and the importation ordered."

The author concluded, "Who, in view of this fact, will call in question the assertion that this is a Bible nation? Who will charge the Government with indifference to religion, when the first Congress of the States assumed all the rights and performed all the duties of a Bible society long before such an institution had an existence?" As Proverbs 14:34 "34Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." This nation was founded upon God, the Bible, and Christianity. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Charles E. Decker

Sept. 1, 1928 - April 5, 2008 Charles (Chuck) Edward Decker, 79, went to meet his Lord on April 5, 2008, in Howard, Kan.

He was born in Grayling, on September 1, 1928, to Francis P. and Hazel L. (Leline) Decker.

He married Darlene Ruth Love, on July 20, 1947, in Grayling, and together they were blessed with 53 years of marriage.

He worked with his father in his repair shop and also at his gas station in Flint. He drove a taxi, worked as a carpenter and worked as a mechanic. He also worked for the Ann Arbor Construction Company, where he helped build I-75 in the 1960s. He was also co-owner of the D "n" R Used Furniture Store in the 1970s.

In 1980, he moved to Fitzhugh, Okla., where he ran two businesses.

He is survived by his sister, Anna Marie Stoddard of Frederic; children: Gene Decker of Fitzhugh, Okla., Judy (Larry) Ruark of Grayling, Gloria (Fred) McCarthy of Comstock Park, Donald (Kathy) Mosher of Evansville, Ind., Hazel (Jim) Nowlin of Ada, Okla., Margaret Brothwell of Marion, Ginger (Kal) Kalas of Plymouth, David (Sherry) Decker of Ardmore, Okla.; 30 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Winnie of Frederic; and special friend and companion, Neva (Lee) McMallow of Howard,

Kan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; parents; two sons, Edward and Carl; two brothers, Art and Frank; two sisters, Laura and Beatrice; and grandson, Anthony R. Mosher.

As per his wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held on April 12, at 1 p.m., at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, 701 S. I-75 Business Loop, with Pastor Gary Wojdan officiating.

Ethel "Sally" Wert Oct. 5, 1916 - Mar. 21, 2008 Ethel "Sally" Lida Wert, 91, of Grayling, passed away on March 21, 2008.

Sally was born in Columbus, Ind., on Oct. 5, 1916, the daughter of the late Harry and Edith Hazel (Miller) Crousure.

Sally married Carrol Wert on April 1, 1946. She and her husband Carrol owned the Lone Pine Restaurant between 1947 -1971.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy (Chuck) Keway of Fenton; sons, Gary (Nancy) Wert of New Boston and Glenn (Kay) Wert of Swartz Creek; daughter-in-law, Debbi Wert of Jackson; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986; two sons, Gregg and Jerry; and an infant daughter Diane.

Visitation will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Friday April 11, 2008, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m and 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Saturday April 12, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

In Memory of

Matilda Gildner, April 15,

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot, see, you, you are always, by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

The Gildner family

Irma M. Valdick

April 29, 1922 - April 5, 2008 Irma Mae Valdick, 85, of Grayling, passed away on April 5, 2008.

She was born in Benzonia, on April 29, 1922, to the late Orlen and Mary (Green) Fookes.

worked She Shoppenagon's, the telephone company in Roscommon and Bear Archery.

She married Floyd L. Valdick on January 9, 1942, in Detroit. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She was closely involved in her family and the activities of her family. She enjoyed sewing and was previously involved with the Hobby Club in Frederic.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary (Ken) Wright of Grayling; and son, Terry (Kathleen) Valdick of Elkhart, Ind.; grandchildren: Buzz Partello, Kristina Work, Amy Libby, Kari Valdick; greatgrandchildren: Nickolas Partello, Jessika Partello, Kayla Libby, Ethan Libby; and brother. Norman (Ruth) Fookes of Midland.

A funeral Service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on April 7.

Interment will be later in the spring at Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com/ Arrangements made Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Edd Ladd

Dec. 19, 1924 - Mar. 29, 2008 Edd Ladd of Grayling, formerly of Higgins Lake and Garden City, passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

A funeral service was held on April 2, 2008, at the Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 56 complaints the week of March 31 -

April 6: One EMS response, seven general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one kidnapping/abduction violation, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, two burglaries/home invasions, two larcenies, one fraudulent activity, one damage to property, five public peace/disorderlies, two OUILs/UBALs, five health and safeties, six traffic accidents, two hazardous conditions, one inspection/investigation-other, four inspections/investigationsfamily, 11 suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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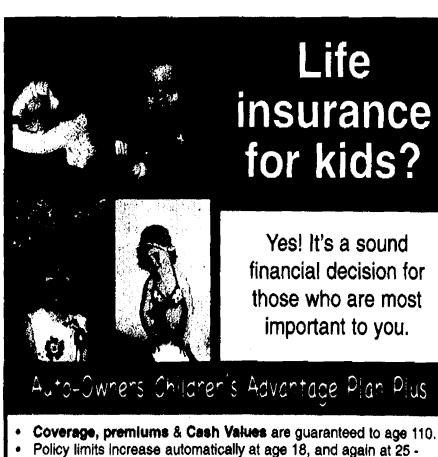
University officials announced that 3,273 students received academic honors for the semester that ended in December 2007. To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have acculumated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher.

The students from the area are: Brigid Deleo of Grayling; Kristin Paul of Frederic; Melissa Cherven, Krystyna Sherman and Philip Weiler, all of Roscommon.

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Sentencings for March 2008 Hon. Janet M. Allen

Matthew Peter Pallas, age 36 of Alanson - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to operating under the influence of liquor/per se third-offense; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 24 months.

Donald Eugene Henry Jr., age 33 of St. Charles - Plead no contest on Feb. 4, 2008, to criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 330 days in jail with credit for 123 days served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$1,395.90 restitution; placed on probation for 60 months.

Jaime Roselyn Case, age 24 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to operating under the influence of liquor/per se third-offense; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$500 penal fine, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60' state minimum costs; placed on probation for 18 months.

Rena Angelina Smock, age 28 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to credit card forgery; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 150 days in jail with credit for nine days served; 15 years in prison with credit mum costs, \$60 crime victim pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, rights fee, \$300 circuit court \$60 state minimum costs and costs and \$116.60 restitution.

Carroll Eugene Teboe III, age on Feb. 4, 2008, to controlled

substance possession of marijuana; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 62 days served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs; placed on probation for six months.

Jacob Wayne Helsel, age 46 of Grayling - Found guilty by a jury on Jan. 17, 2008, for larceny \$200 - \$1,000; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 30 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$2,000 penal fine, \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$300 circuit court costs.

Rayl Lynn Davis, age 21 of Grayling - Plead no contest on Feb. 4, 2008, to motor vehicle unlawful driveaway; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 19 months to 60 months in prison with credit for 146 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,000 restitution.

Richard Duane Shurter III, age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to motor vehicle unlawful driveaway; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 17 months to 60 months in prison with credit for 165 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,000 restitution.

Rayl Lynn Davis, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to home invasion second degree; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 19 months to ordered to pay \$60 state mini- for 146 days served; ordered to \$428.29 restitution.

Brett James Birkholm, age 45 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on of Grayling - Plead no contest on Jan. 23, 2008, to breaking

and entering with intent; sentenced on March 3, 2008, to serve 270 days in jail with credit for 133 days served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 24 months.

Todd Emanuel Cardoza Jr., age 19 of Grayling - Plead guilty on March 17,2008, to controlled substance possession of marijuana; sentenced on March 17,2008, to serve serve 365 days in jail; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$265 circuit court costs and \$150 penal fine; placed on probation for six months.

Ronald Charles Langer, age 48 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 4, 2008, to substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; sentenced on March 17, 2008, to serve 150 days in jail with credit for 20 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$180 restitution.

Jeffrey Thomas Sanderson, age 17 of Harrison - Plead no contest on March 17, 2008, to assault with intent to murder; sentenced on March 17, 2008, to serve five years and six months to 10 years in prison with credit for 773 days served; ordered to pay \$123,006.44 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee. Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

John Leon Muntean, age 57 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 7, 2008, to weapons-carry concealed; sentenced on March 6, 2008, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60

crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 18 months.

Donald Roger Baker, age 34 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 7, 2008, to substance-deliyery/manufacture marijuana second or subsequent offense-double penalty; sentenced on March 6, 2008, to serve 150 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$120 restitution, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Robert Lewis Harris, age 35 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 7, 2008, to substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; sentenced on March 6, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 18 months.

Mark Thomas Carpenter, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Feb. 7, 2008, to substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana second or subsequent offense-double penalty; sentenced on March 6, 2008, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for 10 days served; ordered to pay \$100 penal fine, \$300 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs.

Rodney Scott Arsenault, age 43 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Feb. 7, 2008, to domestic violence; sentenced on March 6, 2008, to serve 30 days in iail with credit for 14 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$45 state minimum costs; placed on probation for six months.

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Saturday, April 12 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, April 14 - Lunch beef stir-fry with rice, peas and pineapple. Dinner - pork chop, glazed sweet potatoes, corn and applesauce. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

Tuesday, April 15 - Lunch -Swedish meatballs with rice, asparagus, carrots and grapes. Dinner - baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and pears. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks. 5:30 p.m. game night.

beef baked ziti, corn, tossed salad and peaches. Dinnerstuffed cabbage, green beans, carrots, oranges and grapefruit and blueberry crisp. 10 a.m. line

dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's fund-raiser night, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game

Thursday, April 17 - Lunchpork roast, stuffing, broccoli, mixed fruit and honey-nut apples. Dinner - beef tips in gravy with noodles, mixed vegetables, cauliflower and pineapple. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting, 1 p.m. volunteer recognition event, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

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Rachel Lyn and Benjamin J. McInally, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Lyn, born at Mercy Hospital on March 19, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 6 ozs., and

measuring 20 inches in length. Katasha and Nathaniel Ballard, announce the birth of their son, Jamarcus Jermaine, born at Mercy Hospital on March 20, 2008, at 9:47 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9.6 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Nicole and Douglas Pratt, of Frederic, announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Douglas, born at Mercy Hospital on March 14, 2008, at 7:50 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Nicole and Jeff Demory, of Mio, announce the birth of their



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son, Brady Patrick, born at Mercy Hospital on March 12, 2008, at 6:05 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 21 Frederic, announce the birth of inches in length.

Jenny and Ben Malonen, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Lahna Sue, born at Mercy Hospital on March 3, 2008, at 8:36 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Lindsay and Dale Gaertner, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Vaughn Allen, born at Mercy Hospital on March 30, 2008, at 3:13 p.m., weighing 8

lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 20 1/4 inches in length.

> Ashley and Jon Parker, of their daughter, Cadence Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on April 1, 2008, at 3:12 p.m, weighing 8 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length,

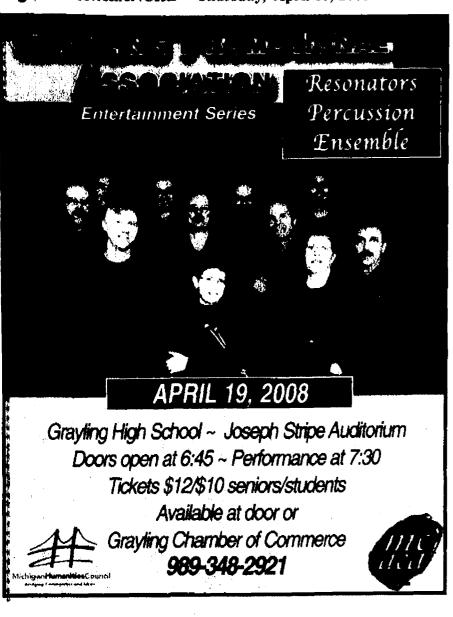
> Crystal Henderson and Cohby Eckhardt, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Corinne Marie-Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital on April 4, 2008, at 12:44 p.m, weighing 8 lbs., 12.5 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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MILITARY NEWS

Specialist Tiffany Anderson

Specialist Tiffany Anderson, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, where she serves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic, recently has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service while on assignment in Germany.

She has served six years with the Michigan Army National Guard and she is a full time National Guard federal technician surface maintenance repairer with the MATES in Grayling.

Anderson is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-

Anderson is a 1997 graduate of Wakefield High School in Wakefield.

PFC Toni-Jo Gasser

Toni-Jo Gasser of Grayling, a 1071st of the

Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, was recently promoted to the rank of Private First Class.

Gasser, an automotive logistics specialist, attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is a 2006 Grayling High School graduate.

Gasser is the daughter of George and Tammy Sue Gasser of Grayling.

Sgt. Edward Palmer

Sergeant Edward Palmer, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, where he serves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic, has recently been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service while on assignment in Germany.

He served four years active duty Navy and has served six years with the Michigan Army

National Guard. He is a full time National Guard federal technician surface maintenance repairer with the MATES in Grayling.

Palmer is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-

Palmer is a 1981 graduate of Grayling High School. He has three children and he is the son of Junior and Betty Palmer of Grayling.

SSG Renee Reed

Renee Reed, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, has recently completed training as an Automated Logistical Supply Technician.

Reed is a squad leader with 12 years of service in the Michigan Army National Guard.

She is employed as a full time National Guard federal technician working as a production controller at the MATES in Grayling. She is a 1993 graduate of Enterprise High School and she possesses a bachelor's degree in business management from Davenport University.

SFC Calvin P. Westover

Calvin P. Westover of Frederic, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, was recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Westover has been a member of the National Guard for 21 years. He is a decorated veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-06 and a veteran of Desert Storm from 1990-91.

He is employed as a surface, maintenance repairer at the MATES in Grayling.

Westover is married to Sandra Westover and they have four chil-.

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Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Give your veins Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. the vanishing acti

F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Weapons and live fire will be conducted April 10 - 13.

Small arms ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, April 10 - 16.

Range 12, located south of the main post, bounded on the east by Carrier Rd., and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), April 10 - 12.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and

north of Portage Creek, April 10 - 11 and April 14 - 15.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Weapons live fire will be conducted April 10 and April 13 -

In addition the following roads will be closed On April 10 and April 13 - 16. Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley

Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

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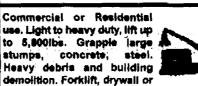
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Southards starting fly shop, livery at new site

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As interior and exterior building renovations are being completed, the Southards are creating an 1890s facade to pay tribute to Shoppenagon's heritage in the community.

"That's the time period we are going for," Southard said.

A canoe paddle made by Shoppenagon will be included in the memorabilia at the business. Southard obtained the paddle from Tom Wakeley, which was one of a few items that was not lost from a family home that perished in the Stephan Bridge Road wildfire in 1990.

"That was the only thing that didn't burn was the paddle," Southard said.

The exterior of the building will feature red and white pine obtained from sawmills run by Tony Warren and Jay Stephan Jr.

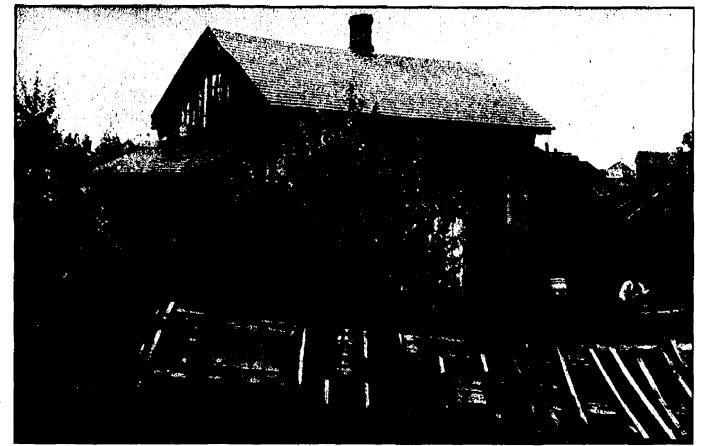
Southard plans to have the Fly Factory open for the Saturday, April 26, opening day of trout season.

The fly shop will feature a fly tying desk used by Earl Madsen. Jerry Regan, a noted flytier

who has strived to keep some of the AuSable River patterns alive, will continue tying flies for the

"Periodically, during the season, he'll be sitting there tying at Earl's desk," Southard said.

Southard said he is working with Department of Natural



In 1876, Chief David Shoppenagon built a house on the property where the Fly Factory and Ray's Canoeing will be located. Shoppenagon served as a hunting and fishing guide for timbermen and visitors to the Grayling area, and also built canoes and made paddles before he died in 1911.

Resource officials to offer more of a variety of trips on the AuSable River.

Southard said he also plans to develop a new web page and increase the businesses' presence on the Internet.

Southard encouraged friends and customers to visit the new

"It's been fun, and it's a great opportunity go back to the roots of the business," Southard said.

Bill Huddelston founded "Sailor Bill Huddelston's Fly Factory and Boat Livery" in the mid 1930s.

Ray Snider purchased the business in 1945, and it became Ray's Canoe Livery and Fly Factory. Snider built the log building on the former site of the business in 1945, modeling it after the old lumbering museum at the Hartwick Pines State Park.

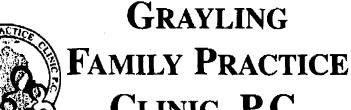
The business was purchased

by Cappy and Al Westervelt, two Grayling school teachers who worked for Snider, in 1967.

The Southards purchased the business in 1979, and operated it on the former site, which has been sold, until moving to the new location in recent months.

"Our time at the former site for 28 years - was fun. We look forward to having fun here and we wish those folks the best of luck," Southard said.

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Old AuSable Fly Shop and Livery to open doors

Continued from Page 1A man and angler.

"It's all about Grayling," Smith said. "We are big advocates of this town, and we have a lot of history here ourselves." The owners chose the name

Old AuSable Fly Shop and Old AuSable Livery to go along with the outdoor history of the community and their goals for the business.

"There were a lot of ideas that were thrown in the hat, but we thought that this one best represented what we are trying to do here," Smith said.

Interior renovations at the business are currently underway, and the Old AuSable Fly Shop will be open for the Saturday,

Gardner said the livery will feature all new equipment and will offer more kayak rentals instead of canoes to protect the river and trout habitat.

Andy Partlow will serve as operations manager for the businesses. Partlow is a former employee and guide for Gates AuSable Lodge. He recently moved back to the community after managing a fly shop in

Partlow said the business will offer fly tying, casting and begin-

They also will offer guided trips April 26, opening day of trout on the river and will host Trout Unlimited meetings.

ner's lessons for trout fishing.

"We have some old timers that plan to come down and will be here tying flies, and we're really excited about that," Partlow said. The business will also feature

work created by local and state "We're trying to keep the money in the community and the state, and we want to support the

history and local folks," Partlow

There will also be no changes for the 61st annual AuSable River Marathon and Festival.

"It's good to go and we look forward to working with the community and the canoe marathon folks," Gardner said.

John Lucey, chairman of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon Committee, said they look forward to working with the new owners of the property.

"It's a relief that we don't have to make huge adjustments for the start of the race," Lucey said. "The pre-race program and the start will be the same as it has been in the past. We're looking forward to the 2008 race and it's going to be another spectacular event."

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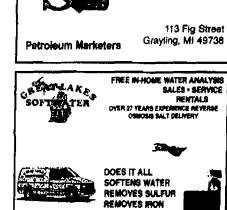
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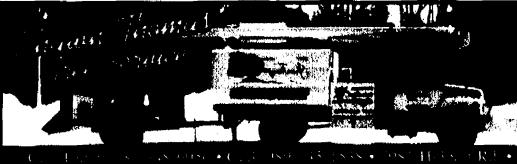


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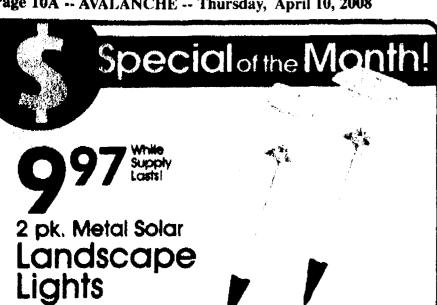


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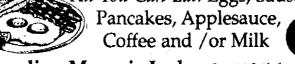
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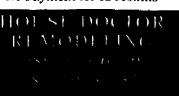
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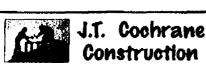
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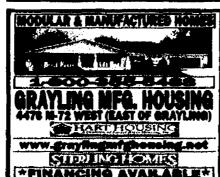
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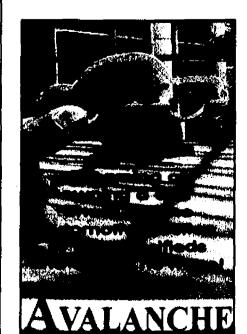
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Artist to feature cracked glass vases during Spring Art Walk

Diana Nickerson, an accomplished glass artist, will feature her cracked glass vases at Flowers by Josie/Thanks-a-Latte during the Spring Art Walk on April 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., in downtown Grayling.

Nickerson began working in stained glass in high school in Gaylord and continued her studies at South Seattle Community College in Seattle, Wash.

For the past 17 years, she has devoted herself to her art career. but prior to that, she held a dayjob to help pay the bills. Ten years ago, she expanded her creativity by using fused glass fired in a kiln and then worked with polymer clay combined with fused glass and bead work to create exquisite jewelry.

One afternoon, Nickerson was fascinated as the sun glistened off the intricate pattern of a shattered window that lay in her back yard. This broken window led her down another path of creativity. She took some rose peddles and onion skin and glued them to a glass vase. Then she carefully glued the bits of broken window over the flower peddles and rubbed

grout into the cracks. Over the years, she has improved the process so that the flowers don't lose their color and has expanded their usefulness to include lamp shades, candle holders, flower vases and mirrors. Her studio walls are lined with bookshelves holding hundreds of pressed flowers from her garden.

Over a dozen businesses and



Glass artist, Diana Nickerson (above), will be one of many artists to share their art with the public during the Spring Art Walk to be held on April 26 in downtown Grayling.

artists will be pairing up to bring fine art to the public on the opening day of trout season.

The Watershed Art Project (WAP) will be offering an award, along with two People's Choice awards and a Mercy Hospital Purchase Award. Over \$1,000 will be awarded to give recognition to the fine artists that surround our community.

The WAP began in late 2007,

when half a dozen community leaders brainstormed the impact that fine art could have on the economic and cultural future of

Grayling. The Spring Art Walk is the second event organized by WAP and is being partially funded by a Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs mini-grant administered by Kirtland Community College.

Theme park developer to brief state officials

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Chamber Regional Commerce. "We want to give them some positive feedback on the theme park and for the sale of the land."

DNR officials have been waiting for the last several months for developers to submit financial documents and other information about the project before the sale of land is considered.

DNR officials have asked staff from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to review the financial information from the developers. The developers are seeking funds

from MEDC and Michigan Department of Transportation to help the project.

Bridget Beckman, spokesperson for the MEDC, said the developers have not provided the documents to verify their financ-

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, said people could speak both for and against the theme park at the meeting under guidelines established for Natural Resources Commission meetings. Freed, however, said no recommendation for the sale of the property

"People can come show their support or non-support or whatever it is, but we aren't going to forward anything for action at this point until the financing is in place," Freed said.

Developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, a water park, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. They said it would create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would be full-time positions, and would have an annual payroll of \$25 million.

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Nine of softball team's 11 girls played on last year's varsity squad

Grayling to open season with series at Kalkaska on Friday

■ Varsity squad has four seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores this year

The 2008 Grayling High School varsity softball team, a group that has 11 players this year, will open its season with a game at Kalkaska this Friday—weather permitting.

Nine of Grayling's 11 players were on last year's varsity squad. Overall, the team has four seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores in 2008.

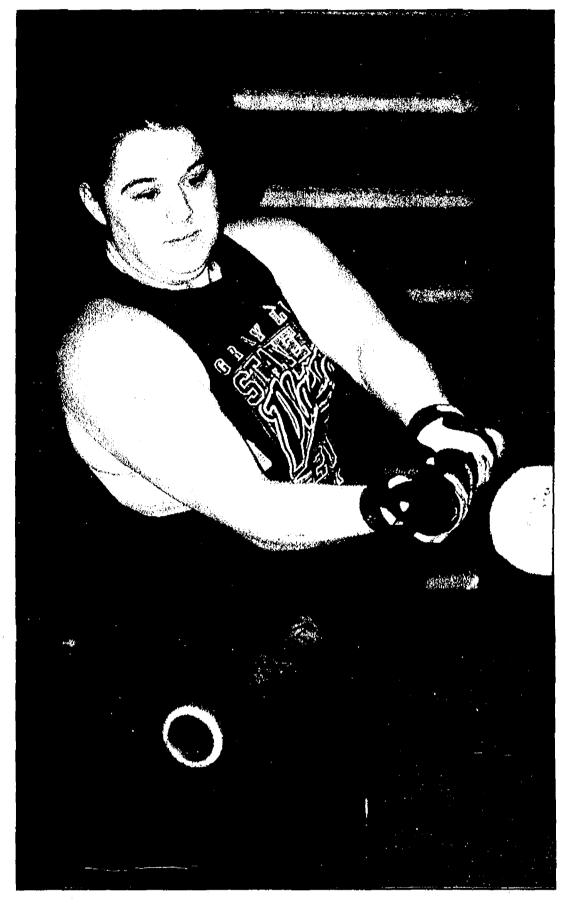
The squad started its official practices on Monday, March 10. Spring break started on Friday, March 28, and ended on Monday, April 7. The Vikings practiced inside during the weeks leading up to spring break due to cold weather and snow-covered fields.

"In terms of weather, this has been a very long winter. Many teams south of us have been practicing outdoors for at least a week prior to games, so that is always a disadvantage for us. It's especially hard on the outfielders, because they are unable to get any true looks at their position, such as fly balls, hitting cutoffs, etc. I know the girls are anxious to get outside and get our season going," Coach Keri Brock said.

Brock, who's in her fourth season as head coach of the Vikings, missed a few practices before spring break because of medical reasons (pregnancy).

"This has been an interesting season so far due to the fact that I spent a week in the hospital Continued on Page 2B

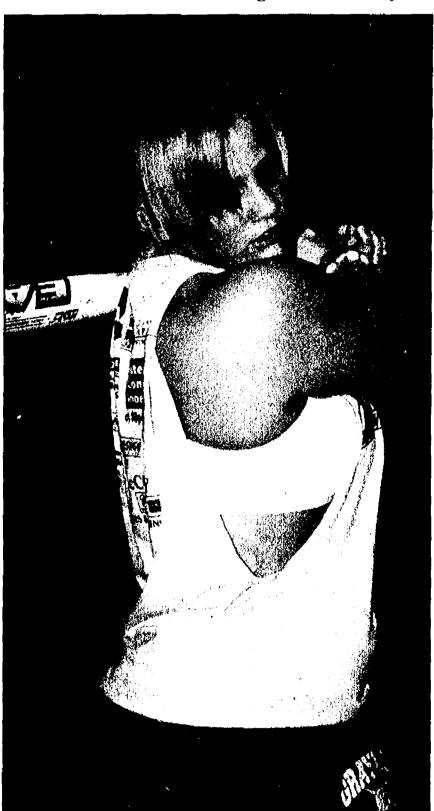
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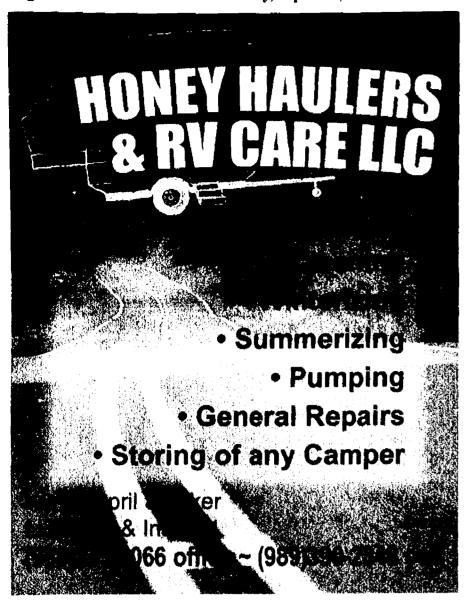
Megan Etzler, left, a senior, hits a ball during a batting drill on Monday, March 24. Kelsey Neuberger, right, a sophomore, bats during a recent varsity softball practice inside the gym at Grayling High School.







Monica Peters, left, a senior, hits a ball off a tee during a practice session on Monday, March 24. Joni Bindschatel, center, a sophomore, hits a volleyball off a tee during a hitting drill at practice. Rachel Ward, right, a senior, sets up for a swing at the wiffle ball tee station at practice on March 24.



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Naomi Anglemyer, left, a junior, swings at a ball at practice on Monday, March 24. Cayla Johnson, right, a sophomore, hits a volleyball off a tee during a recent practice drill at Grayling High School.

Nine of softball team's 11 girls played on last year's varsity squad

Continued from Page 1B delivering a baby. The following week was spring break, so the first week back to practice will be spent reviewing and getting on the same page. We have a pretty experienced group of players and coaching staff, so hopefully the transition will be smooth," Coach

Brock said. This year's squad consists of: Monica Peters (1B), senior; Megan Etzler (LF), senior; Gabby Calkins (CF), senior; Rachel Ward (RF), senior; Alyssa Lewis (SS/3B), junior; Sam Schreiber (C), junior; Nicole Metzer (RF), junior; Naomi Anglemyer (Utility), junior; Joni Bindschatel (P/IF), sophomore;

Kelsey Neuberger (P/IF), sophomore; and Cayla Johnson (2B/3B), sophomore.

Lewis, Johnson, Schreiber, Etzler, Bindschatel, Neuberger, Peters, Calkins, and Ward all played on last season's varsity

"We are fortunate to play in a competitive league in which you have to be on top of your game every night to pull off victories. We have some experienced players returning to key positions, so we'll be looking to them in pressure situations," Coach Brock

"We lost one senior from last year, Ashley Bindschatel, to graduation. She has added to our 'coaching staff for the 2008 season and will bring great knowledge of the game and passion for the sport. We have nine varsity players returning from last year, so we've got to use that experience to our advantage," Coach Brock said. "Finishing in the top half of the league and making noise in district play is always a goal for us. If we can put the bat on the ball and limit errors and walks, we will be a very competitive team. I'm really looking to our senior class to lead this team to its potential."

"Our strengths as a team include an experienced core of hitters, including four-year varsity players Monica Peters, Gabby Calkins, and Megan Etzler. Etzler and Peters have a good pop in their bat and should have great senior seasons if they stay patient in the box. Calkins, along with three-year varsity player Rachel Ward, have great speed from the left side of the plate. We have



Samantha Schreiber, a junior, hits a wiffle ball off a tee at practice on March 24.

preached all preseason about making contact and using the speed to our advantage," Coach Brock said. "They will do some damage if they stay confident."

"On the defensive side of the ball, we return several defensive starters, and have shifted a couple into new positions. So much of the game of softball depends on pitching. Joni Bindschatel and Kelsey Neuberger return for their sophomore campaigns. Their focus will be limiting walks and allowing an experienced defense to do the work for them," Coach Brock said.

"The area we need to improve the most in is at the plate. Last year, our hits as a team and strikeouts as a team were almost

identical. That shows a lack of confidence and patience, which is lethal as a hitter. Our players will need to jump on pitchers early instead of digging into an 0-2 count. The physical ability is there, but we need to maintain the mental part of things," Coach Brock said.

Grayling's season opener for varsity softball is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, at Kalkaska. The team plays at Harrison on Monday, April 14. The varsity squad's first home doubleheader is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, vs. Boyne City at 4:30 p.m.

The JV softball team will host the Kalkaska Blazers at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

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Series Women: N. Glasslee, 526; T. Hellebuyck, 523; E. Slater, 519. High Game Women: L. Mead, 221; E. Slater, 216; S. Sloan, 211.

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Thayer, 245; M. Arwood, 243.

Spring sports seasons to start this week

Sports teams from Grayling High School - including baseball, softball, track and field, and ·girls soccer - are scheduled to open their 2008 spring seasons this week.

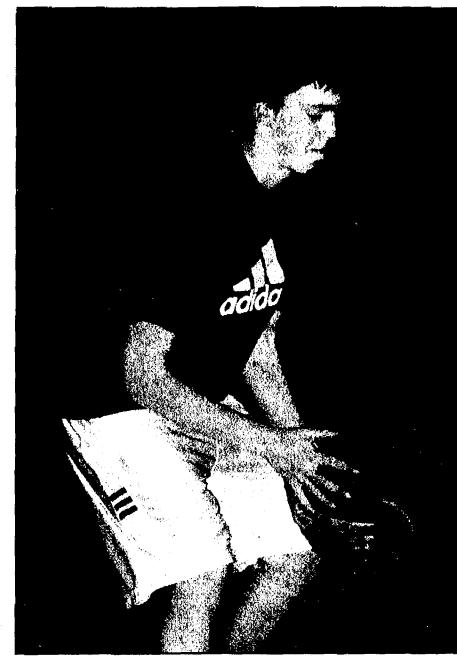
Since all of the spring sports teams compete outdoors, the spring season is far more dependent on the weather than the fall season or the winter season. This year's spring season has included cold weather, snow, and rain, leaving fields unsuittable for practices prior to Grayling High School's spring break, which ran from March 28 ithrough April 7. Area athletic facilities may or may not be ready in time for this week's scheduled season openers.

The Grayling High School varsity baseball team's first series of the year - a doubleheader at Big Rapids scheduled for March 24 – was postponed. The contest was rescheduled for Wednesday, April 9. The Vikings play at Kalkaska on Friday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. The squad's home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

The GHS varsity softball squad is scheduled to open its 2008 season with a doubleheader at Kalkaska on Friday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. The team will host the Boyne City Ramblers on Tuesday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

The JV baseball and softball teams will host the Kalkaska ·Blazers at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

The varsity track squad's first



Taylor Desenfants fields a ground ball during an infield drill at a recent baseball practice at Grayling High School. The varsity baseball squad will play at Big Rapids and Kalkaska this week.

will compete in a Lake Michigan Conference meet at East Jordan on Monday, April 14. Both meets start at 4 p.m.

The girls soccer team has three meet of the year is set for Friday, games scheduled this week, pete in a league meet hosted by April 11, at Ogemaw. The team including contests at Boyne City Boyne City on Monday, April 21.

and Houghton Lake on Thursday, April 10, and Friday, April 11, respectively. Both games begin at 5 p.m.

The boys golf team will com-



Annie Melroy finishes a sprint during a recent track practice. The GHS track and field team will compete at Ogemaw on Friday.



Renee Clair, left, and Carlie Money, right, battle for a ball at soccer practice. The soccer team will play at Boyne City and Houghton Lake this week.



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Course	Dates	Location			
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QuickBooks	Oct. 22	M-TEC Gaylord			
- Level 1	Feb. 4	West Branch			
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	May 19	M-TEC Gaylord			
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	Oct. 24	M-TEC Gaylord			
- Level 2	Feb. 6	West Branch			
\$112	Feb. 20	M-TEC Gaylord			
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	May 21	M-TEC Gaylord			
QuickBooks	Nov. 9	West Branch			
- Level 3	Oct. 26	M-TEC Gaylord			
	Feb. 8	West Branch			
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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN **JUDICIAL DISTRICT** JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE Case No. 08-7586-DO Plaintiff: Elizabeth Anne Purdy 1481 Rivendell Grayling, MI 49738 989-745-5108

Defendant: Samuel Douglas Purdy 1227 Wentwood Dr. Irving, TX 75060 972-254-2370 (last known)

In the matter of Divorce THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant Samuel Douglas Purdy cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s): a. First class mail to the above address

d. Other: Publication in Crawford County Avalanche for three weeks. 3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Date: 4/1/08 Judge Dennis F. Murphy P31907

-10-17-24

MORTGAGE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$64,561.65) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East onequarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the

point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest onequarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PUR-CHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041

248-502-1400 File No. 285,3757

-10-17-24-1 **MORTGAGE SALE** THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

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> MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Blevins and Denise Blevins, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2006 and recorded January 2, 2007 in Liber 684, Page 693, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc., successor in interest by merger to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and 97/100 Dollars (\$244,438.97) including interest at 9.125% per annum.

> Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00

> Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 19, Majestic Hills Court Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 676, Page 84, being Reception Number R0010400, Crawford County Records and designated as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 16, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described

Master Deed and all amendments thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PUR-CHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 241,0045 -10-17-24-1 248-457-1000

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GLEN R. CARLSON, A SIN-GLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 16, 2003, in Liber 639, on Page 184, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$31,679.12), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statue in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/ 2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600,3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANKMortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by AARON S. BLAINE a/k/a AARON BLAINE and JOANNE D. BLAINE, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2007, and recorded February 9, 2007, in Liber 685, Page 252, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$28,109.74), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, Ml.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederick, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 5: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 370 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 6: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence West 185 feet to the place of beginning, thence North 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Description No. 7: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North along the East line 328.4 feet, thence West 185 feet, thence South 328.4 feet, thence East 185 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with the right of access across adjoining land from the West, along the South side of subject properties, for ingress and egress from Kolka Creek Road into above described properties, and as identified in Easement of Property recorded in Liber 685, Page 30, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as Vacant Land N Kolka Creek Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 Tax ID: 031-023-011-200-00, 031-023-011-220-00, 031-023-011-240-00

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30

Dated: March 17, 2008

First National Bank of America Mortgagee By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Debra J. Reynolds, a/k/a Debra Jean Reynolds, a single woman, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 9, 2006, and was recorded on March 10, 2006, in Liber 680, page 146, of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$32,114.22, including interest at 9.50% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Land situated in the Township of

Commencing at a point on the South section line of Section 32, T25N, R1W, and being 1091.00 feet West of the South 1/4 post of said Section 32, thence N 86°40' W, 200.00 feet along the South section line; thence N 00°51'30" W, 149.00 feet (recorded) 179.1 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the Southerly Right-of-Way line of Highway M-144 (now M-18); thence Northwesterly 210.46 feet (recorded) Northeasterly 208.6 feet (measured) along said Right-of-Way line; thence S 00°51'30" E, 254.60 feet (recorded) 254.5 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the place of beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

> SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 13, 2008

(989) 892-4574

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, MI 48707

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debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Charles Foreman, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc, solely as nominee for Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 16, 2005 and recorded December 28, 2005 in Liber 679 Page 182 Crawford County Records, Michigan, Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$79,159.51) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on May 7, 2008. Said premises are situated in Township of Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast onequarter of said Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, for a place of beginning; thence West on one-quarter Line 10 rods; thence South parallel with East Section line of said Section 16 rods; thence East parallel with said one-quarter line 10 rods; thence North on said Section line 16 rods to place of beginning. Being a rectangular acre of Ground 10 by 16 rods in the Northeast corner of Northeast one-quarter of Southeast one-quarter of said Section 25. Commonly known as 10520 W Hall Rd, Roscommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: MARCH 28, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-90075(hsbc) 2725866 04/03/2008,

04/10/2008, 04/17/2008, 04/24/2008 -3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Wakeley, a Married Woman, John Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN FC S 248.593.1304 South Branch, County of Crawford, State Registration Systems, Inc., as nomince WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Trott & Trott, P.C.

NEW CONTROL OF THE SECOND CONTROL OF THE SEC assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight And 64/100 Dollars (\$74,388.64), including interest at 12.05% per annum.

> Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

> Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Karen Woods, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #196487F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willis J. Sylvester and Cathy A. Sylvester, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Plymouth Exchange Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 303, and assigned by mesue assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 70/100 Dollars (\$73,488.70), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 233.0 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet, thence East 150.0 feet, thence South 100.0 feet, thence West 150.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of North 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #195460F01

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NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohn n/k/a Amanda Lyn Backus, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One And 62/100 Dollars (\$56,251.62), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #196161F01 -10-17-24-1

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Dankert and Julie E. Dankert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 18, 2005, and recorded on March 4, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 37, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Thirty-Two And 38/100 Dollars (\$99,032.38), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186. Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 3, 2008 For more information, please call:

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Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth Wallace, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 11, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 982, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 45/100 Dollars (\$93,229.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 32, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #193015F01

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MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Hoppe, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin a division of Nat. City Bank of IN, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2005, and recorded on October 17, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 916, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FFI Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Three And 43/100 Dollars (\$103,743.43), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 30, 2008,

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 165, Ausable Woods No. 5, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page

45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 27, 2008 For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #194436F01

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by LLOYD BERRY SR. as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated June 6, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on June 29, 2006, in Liber 682 at Page 176, and upon which Mortgage is claimed be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$49,995.38, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage; and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 West Michigan in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.490 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan described as follows: Lot 111 Grayling Mobile Estates #3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County

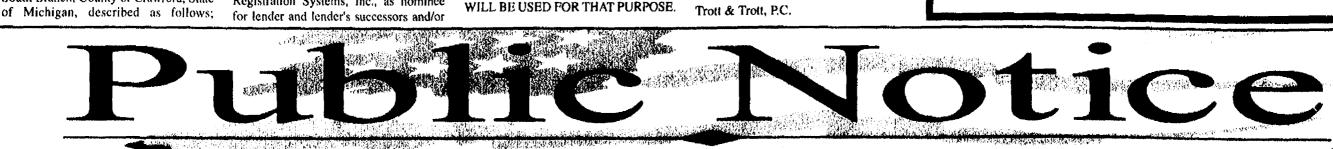
Subject to restrictions, reservations, easement, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 12, 2008 Paul E. Wenzioff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 -27-3-10-17

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

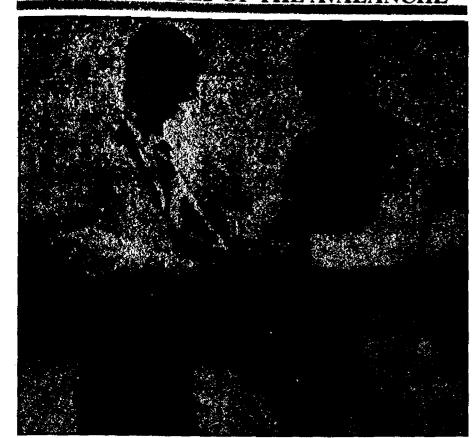
Sandra Moore County Clerk/Register of Deeds October 11, 2002



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EATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 12, 1962 - Gary Russell (left) and Sherman Neal (right) prepare to launch a rocket along old abandoned US-27, just south of the Grayling-McNamara Air Base. The two are members and officers of the club, Science Incorporated.

23 Years Ago April 11, 1985

Both the Grayling City Police the Crawford County Department have Sheriff's received numerous calls about thefts from cars recently. Ice fishing equipment, new tires and rims, car stereos and tools have all been reported stolen from cars.

new Grayling Mercy Hospital Sports Medicine Clinic opened April 10, under the direc- Bedard, Katie Tinker, Allen

RECIPE

OF THE

WEEK

tion of Dr. Charles VanderRoest, chief of emergency services at Mercy Hospital, and Edward Yuiska, physical therapist.

Twenty GHS sophomores scored 100 percent on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program in reading and mathematics during 1984-85. The 20 students are Jeff Olson, Chris Moran, Chris Helton, Tom Bacon, Stacey Gizinski, Andrea

1/2 of a 16-ounce package linguine

2 Tablespoons butter

into cubes

1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli flowerets

1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut

Brown, Jeff Hayes, Kim Gatti, Alimenti. Darrin Ginger Stampfly, Debbie Schanz, Tammy Welch, Pam Johnson, Mark Peterson, Keith Whaley, Yvonne Kraenlein, McLaughlin and Erin Hickey. 46 Years Ago April 12, 1962

The Sam Lippards have transferred the Donut Shop around the corner from its Michigan Avenue location to the building on Cedar Street, which was formerly the Vita-Boy potato chip warehouse.

Mary Pelton, Linda Tolleson, Marie Scott, Jennie Sheehy and Cheryl Smock, all of Grayling, attended the 16th annual state the Michigan meeting of Future Association of Homemakers of America. They were among the 1,500 teenagers who attended the three day meeting in Grand Rapids.

On April 5, the townspeople of Frederic and Maple Forest met at the town hall to organize a fire department. About 150 people attended the meeting. A vote was taken by raising hands, and it was almost unanimously voted in.

The first track and field meet of the season for the Grayling High School Vikings, set for this Wednesday at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area track and field section with Mancelona and Wolverine, was deemed as-"very doubtful." Continued cold weather was given as the reason. Track suits and shoes were issued to prospective members a week ago, but due to the weather, an outdoor practice has not yet been held. 69 Years Ago

room soup

Prepare the linguine according to the package directions in a 3-quart saucepan. Add the broccoli during the last 4

minutes of the cooking time. Drain the linguine and broccoli well in a colander. Heat the butter in a 10-inch skillet

over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and cook until it's well browned, stirring often. Stir the soup, milk, cheese,

SPARROW

black pepper and linguine mixture into the skillet. Cook and stir until the mixture is hot and bubbling. Serve with

1/2 cup milk

April 13, 1939

Excavating is about complete for Esbern Olson's new store building on the corner of Michigan and Peninsula Avenues. This location was the one occupied by the late C.W. Olsen, the building having been destroyed by fire. The adjoining store building, that is now being occupied by the Olson Shoe Store, will remain the same for the present time, at least until the new structure is finished.

The home of Mrs. Henry Bousson is looking very nice, as workmen are in the process of covering the outer walls with white asbestos shingles.

92 Years Ago April 13, 1916

The streets of Grayling are now nicely marked with enamel street signs. The council intends to pass an ordinance soon requiring the numbering of houses.

Miss Irene Burton is assisting in the Crowley Millinery store, as a trimmer, this season.

John Stephan has been busy all winter getting out logs for A.L. Stephens of Detroit, and now carpenters are building a fine, large bungalow for Mr. Stephens. It is located on the Frank Ingerson homestead, and the place where the bungalow is being built was known as Camp Hartwick many

vears ago. The following fourth grade pupils were perfect in spelling for the past month; Alvina Larson, Olga Nielson, Nina Sorenson, Matie Smith and Helen Ziebell.

Ida Dowker has left school to move to Detroit.

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mush-

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

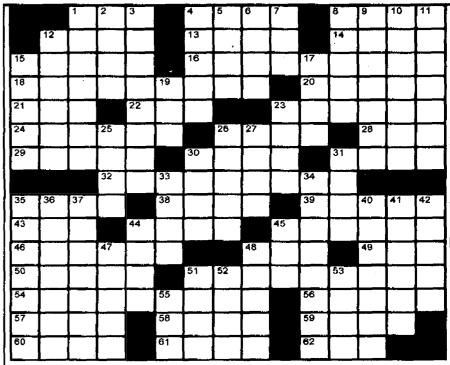
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Prep Time, 10 Minutes.

Cook Time: 20 Minutes

Makes 4 Servings

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62. ___ Dee River

3. Tobacco alkaloid

6. Enlarge, as a hole

7. Cousin of -trix

10. Large basket

12. Liqueur flavorers

8. Automaton

15. Blue hue

19. Cashew, e.g.

25. Wet, as morning grass

33. Cleaning cabinet supplies

34. Wave with a broken crest

35. Device preventing waste

36. Prep school student

26. Senegal's capital

17. House

23. Numbus

27. Heads up

31. Any day now

30. Delight

9. Adjunct

11. Old

1. Main dishes

2. Auditory

4. Circle

5. Expert

Down

Across

1. Long, long time 4. Shrek, e.g.

8. Act of plunder 12. The "A" of ABM

13. Regrets

14. Girasol, e.g.

15. Bit of high jinks 16. Brass instrument group

18. Metallic element

20. 1,000 kilograms 21. *It's no ___!*

22. "For shame!"

23. Balloon type

24. Revise

26. Attraction

28. Come together

29. Big Bertha's birthplace 30. Native of France

31. Ethereal

32. Prominent

35.Fix, in a way

38. Nay opposers

39. Monopoly purchase 43. Dadaism founder

44. "Cold one"

45. Auteur's art

46.Against

48. Destroy the interior of

49. Crib sheet user

50. Age 51. Kind of element

54. Mottled riding horse

56. Aboriginal signal

57. Animal with a mane

58. Feudal estate

61. Apartment

59. "No ifs, ___ ... 60. "___ we forget" 40. Vacuum tube 41. Behaves theatrically 42. Carpenter's machine

37. Fit

44. Elaborate inlaid work

45. Nod, maybe 47. Barely enough

48. Payola

51. Aggravate 52. Fishing, perhaps

53. Bang-up

55.Amiss

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

additional Parmesan cheese. Easy Substitution: Substitute spagnetti for the linguine.

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

EAGLE BLUE JAY CHICKADEE

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For the week of April 10, 2008



April Showers

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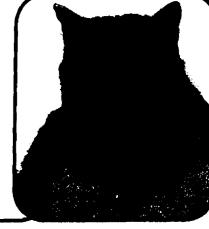


old black and white short haired cat. She is affectionate, easy to get along with and has a good attitude. Halley is spayed, Felv negative and up to date on her vaccinations.

Yvonne

Yvonne is a wonderful gray tabby short hair with beautiful blue eyes. She is outgoing and affectionate. This is a top pick for a family pet. Yvonne is spayed, Felv negative and

up to date on vaccinations.



The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network. AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117 For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

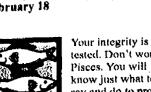


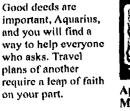
December 22-

January 19

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February 18





Change is certainly

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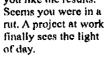
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March 21-

April 19

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A goal you though was unattainable is

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Aries. It is yours for

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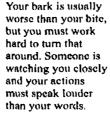
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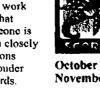
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September 23-

October 22

out to be a real asset. Together, you get the Multitasking is not your forte.

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considerably. Don't

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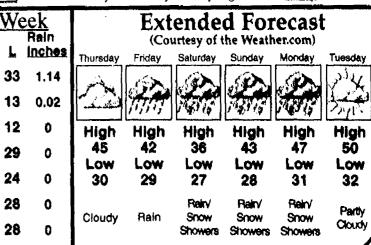
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Courtesy of the City of Grayling <u> ast Week</u>

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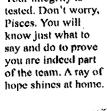
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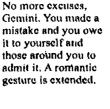


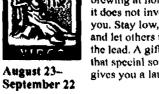
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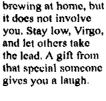




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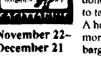






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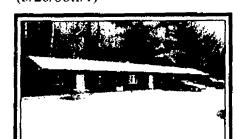
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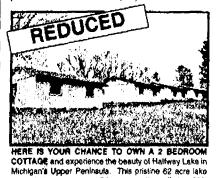
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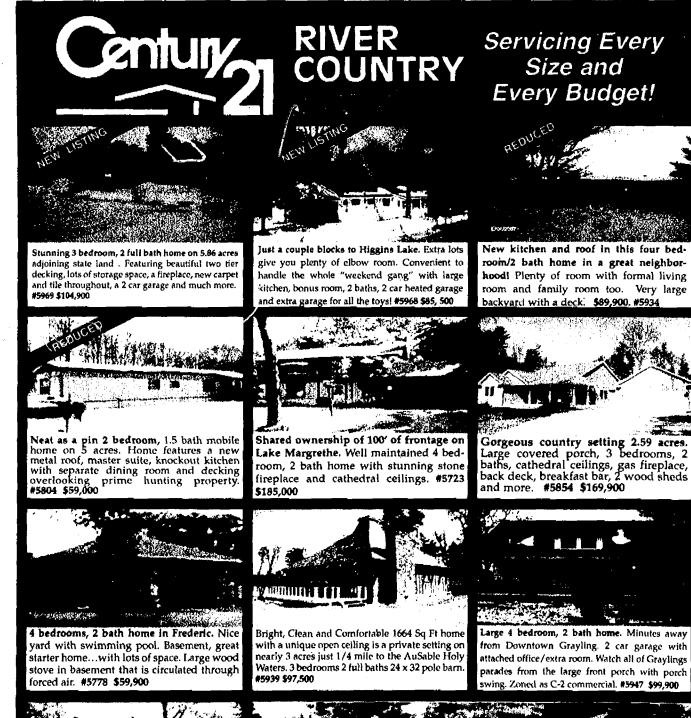
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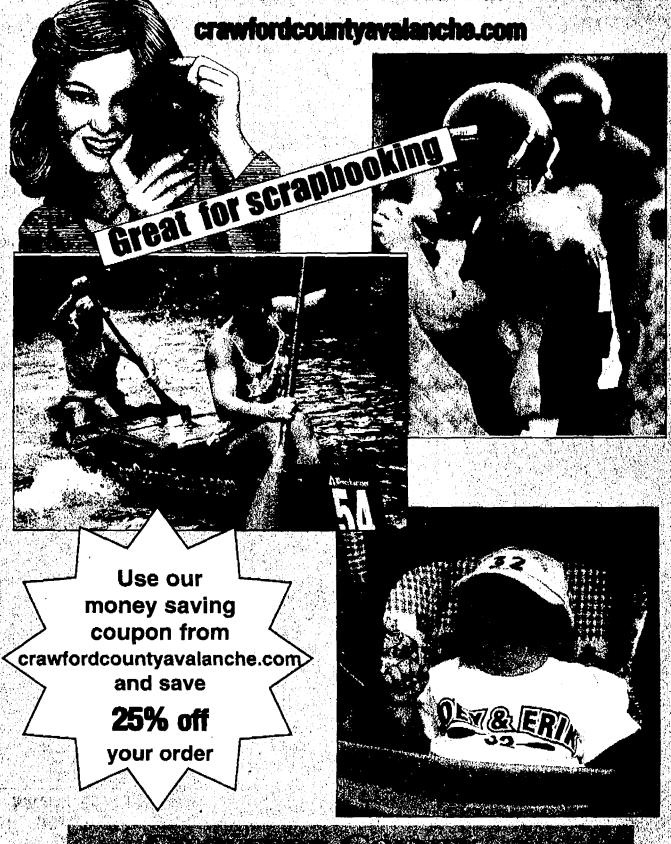
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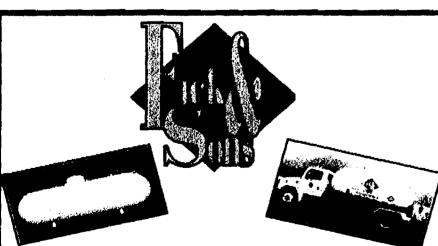
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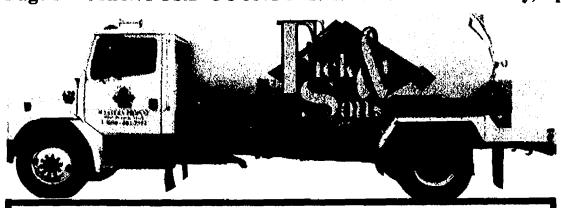
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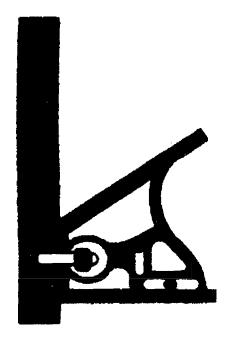
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Use home maintenance as prevention, not correction

(NewsUSA) - Maintenance is a process that many Americans think only needs to be performed when something breaks or has a problem. But when we look into the meaning of the word "maintenance," what we will realize is that it actually refers to the upkeep and prevention of these problems.

The warmer seasons are a great time to check your house from the outside. Maintenance used as a preventative measure

will both protect your house from larger problems and save you money in the long run. The following simple checklist by www.housemaster.com can help you make a thorough seasonal evaluation of your home.

The landscape: Check the condition of driveways and walkways. Window wells, dry wells and storm drains should be clear of blockage. Check retaining walls for cracks, bulges and leaning. You should trim bushes and trees and check out-buildings, porches and patios.

The foundation: Affirm that drainage is running away from the foundation (best checked during a rainstorm). Look for settlement, cracks and flaking.

Siding and chimneys: Review surfaces for damage or deterioration, and check caulking at all joints. Treat or paint worn or exposed wood components. The condition of masonry chimneys and vents should also be evaluated.

Windows and doors: Replace or repair damaged screens or broken glass. Missing or worn

weather stripping, caulking and window putty should also be replaced. Check for frame decay or damage and dirty or clogged screens.

Roofs: Replace loose, damaged or missing roofing. Leaks and moisture build-up in fascia and soffit areas should be fixed. Check the fit and seals around flashing. Clogged gutters and downspouts should be cleaned, as well as roof surfaces containing fungi or algae.

Porch and patio: Check wooden supports and railing components for safety, and check flooring for wear and damage.

Electrical and plumbing: Incoming service wire and supports should have no tears or holes. Exterior faucets should be checked for function and leaks.

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Conquer your spring cleaning with a few simple and practical tips.

Spruce up for spring

(NewsUSA) - When colder weather waves goodbye and the warm rays of spring begin entering your home, you may use your newfound energy to give your house a much-needed spring cleaning. But getting down and dirty with the rooms in your home can be overwhelming if you don't have the right tools for the job.

Taking the time to get organized when spring arrives can make all the difference, and make cleaning even the most dauntingly dirty corner a breeze. You don't have to spend a fortune to stock up on necessary supplies either. You'll save both time and money by getting all of your cleaning supplies at discount stores.

The following items will help you scrub, sweep and sanitize your way to a clean, fresh home for the rest of the year:

• The basics. Make sure you have at least one of each of the

following: a mop, a broom, a bucket, a scrubbing brush, a sponge and paper towels. For areas such as the bathroom, keep bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, floor cleaner and wax on hand.

 Plastic storage containers. Make this spring the season to get organized. Plastic storage containers are available in a variety of sizes and are perfect for storing items big and small.

• Laundry items. Don't forget to get caught up on your laundry while spring cleaning. Detergent, spot-treatment and fabric softener are must-have laundry items.

· Laundry baskets. Give each family member a laundry basket. Have them go through their closet, pulling out clothes that no longer fit or that they no longer wear. Donate the clothing to a local charity. You'll feel good about giving and also enjoy the newfound closet space.

• Trash bags. Stock up on

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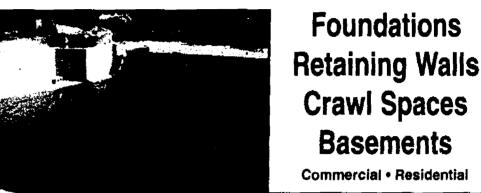
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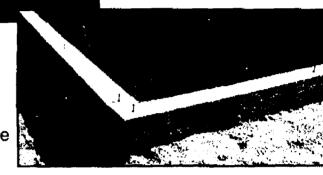
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Outdoor lighting new decorative trend for homeowners

(NewsUSA) - By following proven principles of outdoor lighting design, homeowners can pursue one of the fastestgrowing trends in home decorating, resulting in beautiful neighborhoods and safer, more secure homes.

Knowledgeable homeowners select outdoor lighting systems that use a series of energy-efficient, low-voltage lights strategically placed around a home.

Positioning lights on the ground to shine up onto homes or landscaping is called 'uplighting." Lights should be positioned no more than four feet away from the area they are lighting and positioned less than 30 degrees from vertical. This approach provides security because lights are placed in areas where an intruder might hide.

Uplighting also allows homeowners to highlight the most attractive features of a home, such as the texture of brick or stucco or interesting architectural details.

"Ten years ago, virtually no one was doing outdoor lighting in a pleasing, effective manner," said Winston Edwards, a lighting specialist with Outdoor Lighting Perspectives. "Today, the practice of outdoor lighting is more sophisticated and effective, resulting in systems that not only are practical but also add to the beauty of a home as seen at night."

The most common error that homeowners make with outdoor lighting is emphasizing the use of floodlights. While floodlights may give a sense of well-being, they actually can create safety and security problems, limiting the ability to see intruders or blinding visitors who risk a fall.

Floodlights with 500 watts of power also are unflattering to most home exteriors, making it difficult to appreciate texture or fine details.

In addition to lighting home exteriors, low-voltage outdoor lighting also is ideal for landscaping, allowing homeowners to accent ornamental shrubs and trees.

"For patios, consider using path lights around the perimeter, which will reflect light onto the patio," Edwards said. "With decks, use lights with a shielded light source underneath the handrails. These lights provide just the right light for conversation and are much more pleasant than typical deck lighting with a bright light shining from the side of a home."

The newest generation of outdoor lights uses halogen bulbs, which are energy-efficient and brighter than traditional incandescent lights. Paired with stainless-steel sockets, quality outdoor lights provide years of carefree operation.

"When it comes to creating beautiful outdoor lighting, homeowners should look for interesting architectural elements and distinctive landscaping, and they should never place lights so that anyone is looking directly into a bulb," Edwards said. "Follow these basic principles, and outdoor lighting will be an investment that you, and your neighbors, will enjoy for years to come."

For the latest information on outdoor lighting trends, visit www.outdoorlights.com.

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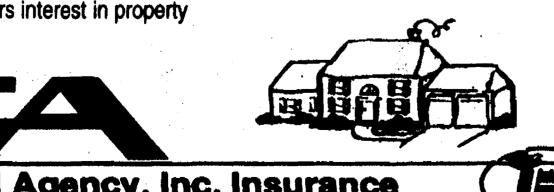
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Individual flavors influence paint color trends

(HIT) - Fashion runways have long been the inspirational source for home furnishings and decorating color choices. Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert with The Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, shares 2008 trendy paint palettes.

"Consumers' increasing color confidence and personal style makes any color fashionable for 2008," Zimmer says. "From glass-like blues, botanical greens, dramatic black and white and whisper soft pink, color directions will drive towards individual self-expression, glamorous living experiences or an increasing awareness of important environmental causes."

Zimmer's Top Three Color Palette Choices for 2008:

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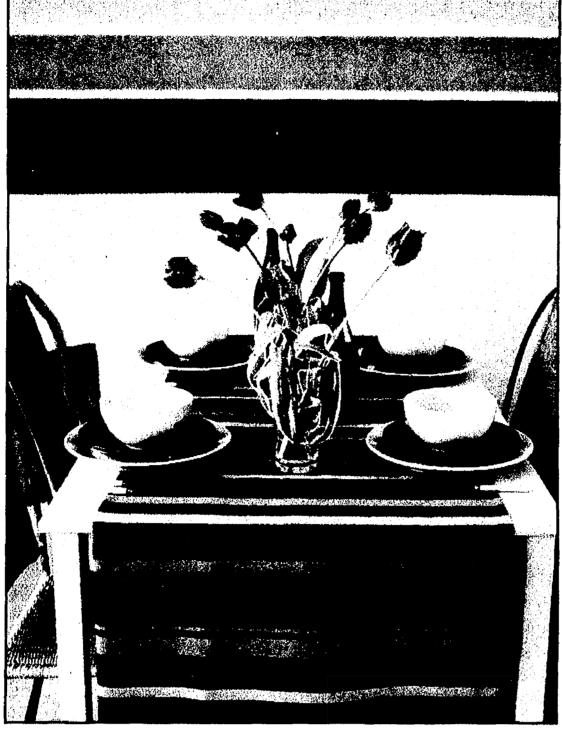
"Green may just become the newest 'neutral' color." Used as a subtle backdrop to reflect an enhanced eco-consciousness and social responsibility, green will be representative of the growing environmental movement. Midtone hues of fern, palm, pine and sage will be used on their own or coupled with clear blue or aqua to create a living space that conjures up a sense of outdoorfriendly living. Sandy tan and adobe brown can be intermingled to complete that earthy and eco-friendly feel.

While suitable for all areas of the home, these combinations are an especially good choice for bathrooms, kitchens and family living spaces.

"Sophisticated Elegance"

Gaining popularity in 2008, black and white paint hues will enhance opulent living spaces filled with accessories, lighting, mirrors and rich fabrics. Silver metallics and high sheen finishes along with rich textures benefit from the sophistication of this striking palette.

Zimmer suggests, "For an unexpected color punch, add cause related hues such as dramatic red or maintain the room's classic undertones with subtle pink or taupe." Dramatic and



Crewel colors remain an excellent choice for kitchen or dining areas and can be warming, like a knitted afghan, in family spaces.

sophisticated, black and white is browns, along with pumpkin becoming the backdrop of choice for glamorous spaces.

Master bedroom suites and living rooms are two of the spaces that can benefit from sophisticated elegance.

"Crewel Colors"

Many consumers continue to strive for simplicity in their technology-driven, overloaded lifestyles and seek a return to a gentler way of life. The crewel color palette reflects consumers returning interest in crafts, home cooking and family focused activities. Like a rich and color filled needlepoint pattern, these hues add a soulful and personalized feel to any space.

"Handcrafted items create a sense of stability and security and these warm, creamy rich colors will do the same in your space," says Zimmer.

Rich cranberry reds, warm

orange help to create a nurturing and caring environment. Mix in deep-toned blue and the tapestry is complete.

Crewel colors remain an excellent choice for kitchen or dining areas and can be warming, like a knitted afghan, in family spaces.

"No matter which paint hue or palette attracts your individual attention, consumers continue to have an increased appreciation for paint quality and value. After all, it's a personal choice for a personal space - your home," Zimmer says.

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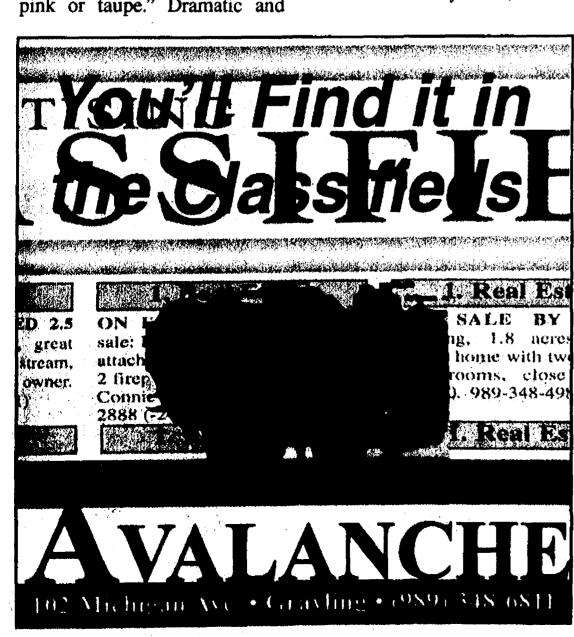


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Mold coalition helps homeowners control moisture, avoid mold

(HIT) - An Internet search reveals that there are more than 33 million sites one can visit to learn about controlling moisture and mold. Coming to the rescue of homeowners and builders alike who are looking for simple, understandable advice is the Responsible Solutions to Mold Coalition (RSMC), which recently announced its top 10 nominations for the best sources of information on mold prevention. These sources and a newly updated brochure on controlling moisture and mold are available through the Coalition's Web site (www.responsiblemoldsolutions.org).

What's encouraging about these various information sources is they support one fundamental message: If you control moisture, you'll control mold. That has been at the heart of what RSMC has communicated over the past year. There is a common misperception among homeowners and builders that water intrusion is inevitable and therefore mold-resistant products are the answer. This is simply not the case. While moldresistant products can play an important role, dry buildings and homes are the result of careful design, construction and maintenance.

In evaluating the best sources of information on moisture/mold control, RSMC identified some of the most common errors that lead to water intrusion and mold growth:

• Wet building materials: Building materials are often



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The Responsible Solutions to Mold Coalition Web site (www.responsiblemoldsolutions.org) provides a wealth of information about controlling moisture and mold.

improperly stored at the job site. in large pans that drain away They should not be delivered from the house. These pans are until it's time to install them, and while they're being stored, they should be off the ground and covered tightly with a tarp.

• Rushed building schedules that do not allow enough time for joint compound, tile grout, paint and sprayed foam insulation to dry adequately.

• Roofs that are designed in a manner that does not provide a clear pathway for water to move off of the roof and into gutters and downspouts.

· Blocked gutters and downspouts that are improperly installed in a manner that directs water toward the house.

• Improper grading around the house that directs water into the basement.

• Water or waste pipes installed in exterior walls - in northern climates as temperatures vary, condensation can form on pipes that are normally surrounded by insulation, making drainage impossible.

• Failure to place water-handling appliances such as dishwashers and washing machines

commonly available at home improvement centers.

• Failure to replace washing machine hoses. This is the leading insurance claim for water damage.

• Failure to replace water heaters every 10 to 12 years. Most homeowners wait until their water heater fails (and usually leaks). Deferred replacement is more costly in the long

· Lack of flashing around doors, windows, roofs and chimneys that safely channel water away from the house, and allow walls to dry out.

The Responsible Solutions to Mold Coalition is a consortium of building industry associations, academic and governmental bodies and companies, including USG Corporation and National Gypsum Company. More information is available at www.responsiblemoldsolutions.org.

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Choosing a darker shade for the walls will reign in a large room and create a cozy and intimate space. (Photo Courtesy of Business Wire)

Put your walls on a diet

(HIT) – "Paint color and sheen can influence a person's perception on size and width of a room," Debbie Zimmer, Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute (PQI) paint and color expert, says. "By taking a cue from fashion, a person's living space can be viewed as larger or smaller or taller or shorter."

For instance, a light-colored paint will make a small room appear bigger, while darker shades will make a large room appear more intimate. Persons can use these types of paint-induced optical illusions in any space in their homes. Zimmer recommends three easy tips to "adjust size" of living spaces:

Raise or Lower the Ceiling

If a ceiling feels too low, bright white can "raise" your perception of its height. By taking a cue from clothing designers, adventuresome homeowners can paint their walls with vertical stripes to enhance the sense of height.

On the other hand, dramatic high ceilings may cause a living space to feel cavernous. To visually lower ceiling height, add a mid to deep hue on the ceiling. Another alternative is to paint horizontal stripes on the walls.

Shrink or Expand Rooms

Just as a dark monochromatic outfit can visually "slim" an appearance, a monochromatic paint scheme can do the same in a large space. Choosing a darker shade for the walls will reign in a large room and create a cozy and intimate space.

Is your room too narrow and long? Just widen it by painting the shorter walls a deeper color than the longer walls. If color alone is not enough to change the perceived dimensions, use color combinations to create visual breaks. Divide your wall space horizontally with a chair rail and paint the upper and lower portions different hues.

Don't Forget the Sheen

For both visual and practical reasons, selecting the right sheen of paint is just as important as the actual color. Glossier finishes lend greater warmth and depth to surfaces than do flat paints. For example, a room with white gloss paint on the ceiling will seem larger than a room whose ceiling is painted with a white flat paint.

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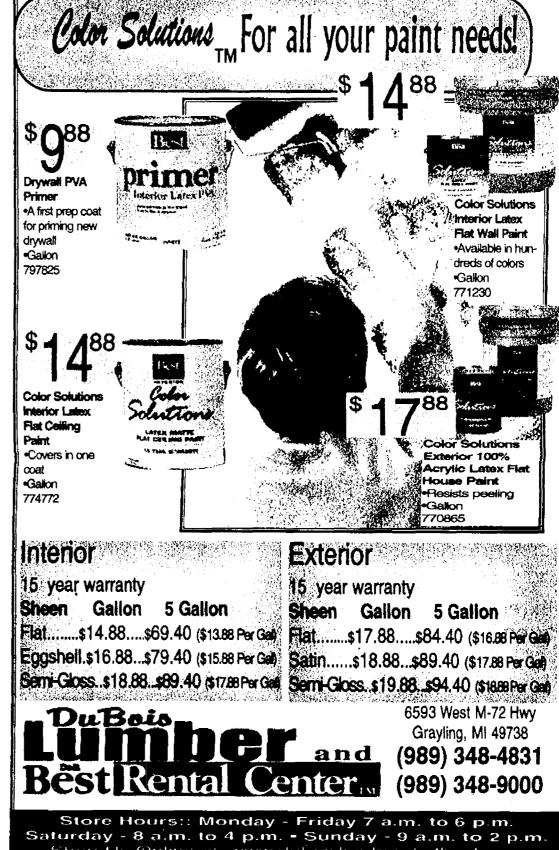
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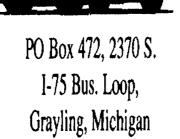
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Tips to nurture nature in your backyard

(HIT) – Is something bugging you? More importantly, with summer approaching, is something bugging your trees? If you don't know, it's time to find out - take a look around your yard because insects and disease can seriously harm trees and plants.

"Having trees at home can bring a touch of nature to any yard, but homeowners need to know that trees in urban settings need a little help because they are growing in unnatural conditions," said Jim Skiera, Executive Director of the International Society Arboriculture (ISA). "A hostile environment and the presence of insects and disease can seriously harm trees and plants."

Trees and other landscape plants need light, water, and nutrients, but too much or too little of any of these resources can cause plant stress. Severe stress can weaken a tree's resistance to diseases and insects.

Preventing Insects and Disease

Observation is the most important preventative tool. What should you look for? Early symptoms of problems usually appear in the spring. Dying branches in the upper part of the canopy (called dieback), yellowing, and flagging can be symptoms of diseases and environmental stress, while leaf drop or leaf spots are common symptoms of foliar disease.

What should you do if you notice problems? Take care of the obvious symptoms first. Trees in overly dry areas should be watered. Compacted soil should be nourished with organic mulch to reduce the soil's bulk density and to provide

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slow-release nutrients to surrounding trees.

Homeowners can also benefit from plant healthcare plans, where professionals do on-site inspections to ensure tree and plant health. Developing a plant healthcare plan will help keep track of a tree's history enabling more effective preventative care. For example, if a tree has a history of foliar disease, preventative sprays can be applied to reduce the chances of disease recurrence.

Diseases

Tree diseases are caused by infectious or living organisms such as fungi, viruses and bacteria. Disorders, which can exhibit disease-like symptoms, are caused by noninfectious or nonliving agents such as nutrient deficiencies, temperature extremes, vandalism or pollu-

Diseases develop when:

- A pathogen is present (disease-causing agent).
- A plant is vulnerable to that particular pathogen.
- The environment is conducive to disease development.

Insects Often considered a "secondary problem" to environmental stress, insects can retard plant growth, weaken tree structure, and spread plant diseases by feeding on trees.

- Chewing insects, like beetles and caterpillars, eat leaves, flowers and twigs. Discoloration and uneven or broken edges are signs that chewing insects might be pre-
- Sucking insects, like aphids and mealybugs, feed on sap within the plant. Damage is indicated by the discoloration, drooping, and wilting of leaves, and the presence of honeydew.
- Boring insects, like bark beetles, feed beneath the bark of the tree as larvae. Most borers are attracted to, and successfully attack, stressed trees often killing them.

"Just because you find an insect on a plant does not mean that's the one causing the damage," said Fred Miller, Joliet Junior College. While some insects can threaten tree health, many are helpful and actually rid trees of dangerous or harmful insects. "For example, many people think the lady bird beetle is harmful, but they actually eat aphids, which are the insects

that really harm trees and plants."

Diagnosis and Treatment

Correct diagnosis of plant health problems requires careful examination of the situation. The ISA offers these tips to aid in your assessment:

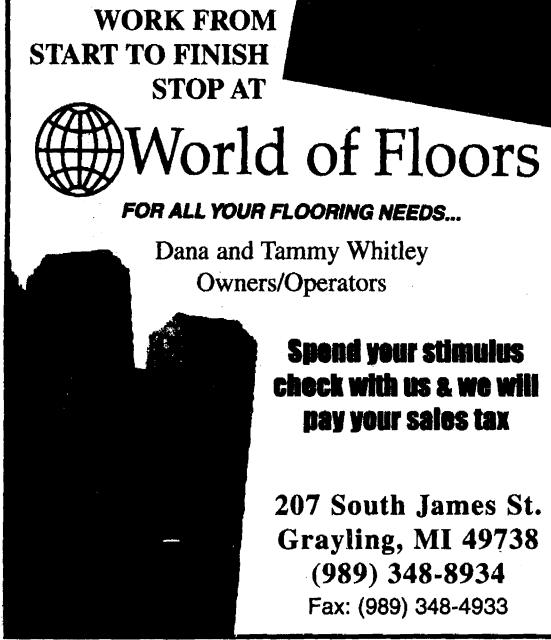
- Accurately identify the plant. Insects and disease are plant-specific, limiting the number of suspected pests.
- · Look for a pattern of abnormality. Compare the affected plant with others on the site, especially those of the same species.
- · Carefully examine the landscape. The history of the property and the adjacent land may reveal many problems.
- Examine the roots. Note their color. Brown or black roots may signal problems.
- Check the trunk and branches. Wounds in the trunk can provide entrances for pathogens and wood-rotting organisms.
- · Note the position and appearance of affected leaves. Dead leaves at the top of the tree are usually the result of environmental or mechanical root stress. Twisted or curled leaves may indicate viral infection, insect feeding or exposure to herbicides.

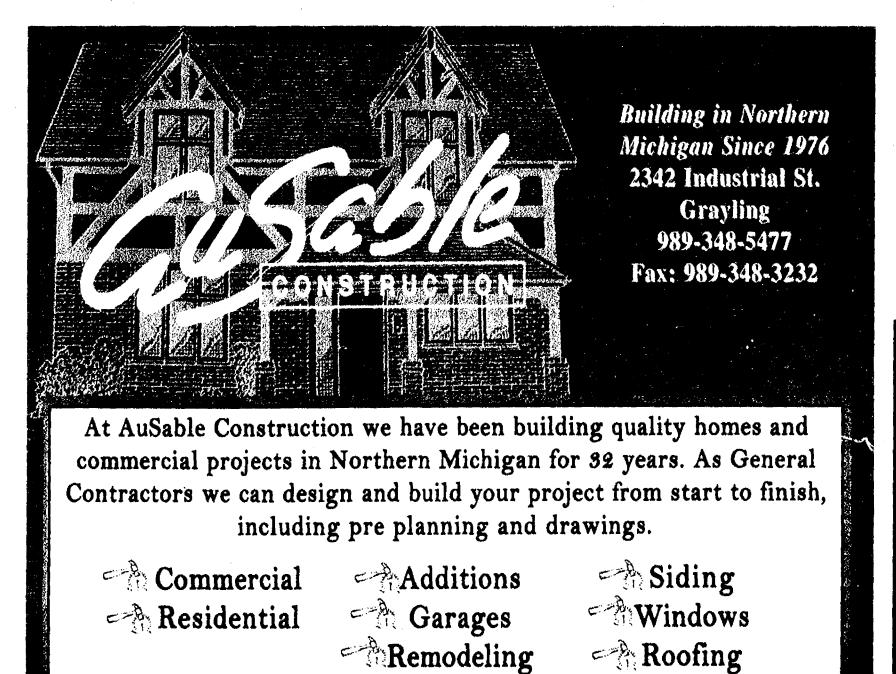
Treatment depends on the particular insect or disease problem, the species of plant or tree affected, the extent of the problem, factors specific to the environment and local regulations. Homeowners who have doubts about how to proceed should consult a certified tree care professional for advice.

For more information on insects and disease, visit www.treesaregood.org.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education web site, www.treesaregood.org. Also, as part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit www.isaarbor.com.

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